Britain wins budget concession at 'fruitful' EEC summit

Mr Callaghan has won a substantial concession over the size of Britain's contribution to the EEC budget from other heads of government at the Community summit. A

larger regional fund has been agreed, but direct elections, which were due to be held next year, will probably have to be postponed because of delay by Britain.

Sour note over likely poll delay

Brussels, Dec 6 Britain over its contributions to the EEC budget was agreed at the autumn summit meeting

of the Nine here today.

The heads of government also fixed the size of a larger regional fund and decided to give a "fair wind" to the European Commission's property of the European Commission's property of the commission of the European Commission's property of the commission of posals on economic and mone-

The summir ended today.
The only slightly sour note
at an otherwise unusually fruitful meeting was struck over
direct elections to the European Parliament, Heads of government reluctantly accepted that polling will almost certainly have to be postponed because of Britain's inability to meet the intended target date of May or June of next year. In a report to the summit, Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, who accompanied Mr Callaghan to Brussels, said if the Commons insisted on using the traditional first-past-the-post system for electing members to the Furnaeur Parliament Principals.

the European Parliament, Britain might not be ready to take part in direct elections before the spring of 1979. If, on the other hand, the House opted for the regional list voting method, which most observers consider to be out of the question, then it would still be difficult, but not impossible, for Britain to be ready by May or June of next year, Dr Owen

The regional-list system would obviate the need to create new Euro-constituencies. create new Euro-constituencies.
Speaking for the rest of the EEC, Mr Leo Tindemans, the Belgian Prime Minister, who was chairman of the summit, said there would be "disappointment" if the timiog of 130m in 1978, compared with direct elections slipped. Mr Roy Jenkins, President of the European Commission, said Speaking for the rest of the EEC, Mr Leo Tindemans, the Belgian Prime Minister, who was chairman of the summit, said there would be "disappointment" if the timing of direct elections slipped. Mr

By Our Business News Staff
Sir Charles Clore is to re-sign as chairman of Sears
Holdings at the end of the year

so that he can spend more time on his charitable activi-ties. He is to become life presi-dent and will remain a director

of Sears.

Sir Charles, who is aged 73 and has had one of the kongest and most profitable careers in business life, is estimated to have given at least £500,000 a

year to charities for the past 15 years.

He was knighted in 1971 and his successful investment career started at 22, when he bought a skating rink in Cricklewood, north London, which he had visited as a child.

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dismissed sheriff

for Scotland, dismissed Mr Thomson after he had cam-paigned for a plebiscite on Scot-tish home rule.

The Lords will rise for the Christmas recess on Thursday, December 15 and will return on Tuesday, January 17.

Lords recess

Clore

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there would be "great disap-pointment" if the elections

were postponed beyond the autumn of next year.

As a result of the budget As a result of the budget agreement, Britain's gross contribution is expected to be about £1.180m next year, compared with some £700m in 1977. Although this is a substantial increase, and about £40m more than the Government thought it ought to pay, it is about £200m less than more other member. less than most other member states had demanded.

The agreement also means that from next year the EEC's budget can be calculated in a new unit of account based on the current market values of national currencies. The unit used at present is based on pre-1971 dollar parities. As a result, British contributions have been greatly overvalued and those of Germany and most other countries, undervalued. and those of Germany and most other countries undervalued. The heads of government agreed that the regional fund, which is used to help finance the development of the Community's poorer areas, should be allocated £1,202m over the three years to 1980—£377m in 1978, £403m in 1979 and £422m in 1980. This compares with in 1980. This compares with E542m allocated to the fund

etween 1975-77. Much of this substantial, nominal increase in the fund's resources, however, must be discounted because of inflation. The Commission, backed by the European Parliament, had originally proposed making £488m available to the fund next year, but this was considered far too high by the Germans. The Parliament could rill use its limited nevers of

Sir Charles | Further legal action over

The Government may appoint Judge Fay, QC, chairman of a public inquiry into the £200m loss made by the Crown Agents after the vote by the Commons on Monday against a third confidential investigation.

investigation.
Mrs Hart, Minister for Overseas Development, said yesterday that it would be rempting" to make Judge Fay chairman of such an inquiry because of his knowledge of the affair. He presided over the inquiry whose report last Thursday led to the present constroyersy.

The Government had planned a private inquiry under the chairmanship of Sir Carl Aarvold. That would have to

be reconsidered in the light of the 158-126 vote against it.

she said. A public inquiry would be likely to take two years and Sir Carl, who was 70, neight not want to under-

ment on the allegations made by Sir Harold Wilson in Par-

legal proceedings, either criminal or civil, would arise out of a public inquiry, nor that any civil servants would be dismissed. Some civil ser-

vants were unlikely to achieve

promotion again, however. Those MPs to whom the Fay

report "came as a blinding light" on Thursday failed to

eppreciate, in their thirst for

blood, how much had been

CONTROVERSY.

Commons debate | take it. Hart refused to commons made

by Sir Harold Wilson in Parliament on Monday that she had wanted to raise the matter in the Commons in the early 1970s but had been warned that she would fall flut on her parliament resterday saying that the question for the House to decide was in what way misbehaviour rendered him unfit for office. Mr Millan, Secretary of State for Scotland, dismissed Mr

Crown Agents discounted

to meet French demands for more development assistance for their overseas departments. Agreement on the regional fund also enabled Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, to

the West German Chancellor, to approve a Commission proposal for raising loans up to a total of £650m on the international capital markets to finance new job-creating investment in the EEC. The Commission will play a part in choosing the investment projects, but the final say will rest with EEC finance ministers.

The heads of government were evidently impressed by Mr Jenkins's argument that no conventional measures were likely to reduce the Community's high level of unemployment or stimu-

level of memployment or stimu-late sluggish economic growth. This appears to explain the favourable bearing given to his proposals on economic and monetary union.

There were likely to be nine million more jobs required in the EEC between now and 1985, Mr Jenkins said. In addi-1985, Mr Jenkins said. In addition, new jobs would have to be found for those made redundant by the unavoidable rationalization of shrinking industrial sectors, such as textiles, shipbuilding and steel.

The heads of government agreed to pursue four immediate goals: increased coordination of national economic poli-

tion of national economic poli-cies; reinforcement of monetary solidarity; the expansion of the Community's financial re-sources; and an intensified search for Community solutions

to problems.
A brief out inconclusive dis-A brief out inconclusive discussion was held on President Giscard d'Estaing's proposal for creating a common "judicial zone" in the EEC, where there would be common rules for the extradition of people charged with terrorist crimes. The concept is to be examined further.

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done to bring those respon-

rather than a private inquiry into the Crown Agents fiasco when he next faces Commons'

mons' overriding of the Government's wishes.

Mr Foot said he had not yet been able to consult Mr Callaghan about the defeat; but

he promised that the Govern-ment would give urgent as well

a tribunal under the 1921 Act with the wish of some MPs to pursue those who might be criminally involved

it is not possible to have a tribunal and then court proceed-

ings afterwards, although that contention will be challenged.

however belatedly, of parlia-

mentary reassertiveness.

What is clear is that Mr Callaghan cannot come to ques-tion time on Thursday and get

It is still being argued that

questions on Thursday.

Mrs Thatcher, the Opposition leader, listening to a point made by President Tito of Yugoslavia during their two-hour talks in Belgrade yesterday. Report on page 8.

support for striking journalists

By Christopher Thomas Labour Reporter

A strike for a closed shop by 105 journalists centred on Darlington was in disarray last night as printing workers who stopped work in sympathy four months ago decided to return to work next week.

Westminster Press can therefore resume publication of several newspapers, and the first big battle for a closed shop by the National Union of Journalists is almost certain to be defeated.

Journalists is almost certain to be defeated.

About 130 members of the National Graphical Association, the main craft printing union, voted overwhelmingly to end active support. They are deeply disillusioned with the way the NUJ has handled the strike and dismayed at the cost to their union, which has exceeded £100,000. £100,000.

News of the decision reached the NUJ national executive while it was discussing the dispute. Several striking journalists lobbled the meeting to persuade it to extend the strike

throughout the Westminster
Press group.

The executive did, in fact,
decide to call on NUJ chapels
(office branches) in Westminster Press to strike in symparhy,
have the management was but the management was ademant last night that it would not concede editorial closed shops. The six-month strike, the union's longest has also cost the NUJ more than £100,000. and will get a £50 Christmas bonus.

It is clear that the strikers lost the good will of the printers last week when a peace printers as week when a peace formula was heavily rejected. NGA leaders also felt that national officers of the NUJ had lost control of the strike.

The NGA's national council will ratify the decision on Wednesday, and a return to work is expected on Thursday. The management expects to

our Political Editor writes:
The Prime Minister will probably announce the Government's decision to hold a public That became clear yesterday after Mr Michael Foot, replacing Mr Callaghan during the Prime Minister's absence in Brussels, writhed under the embarrassment of the Com-The management expects to restart most of the papers almost immediately, but it is not known whether all titles will

resume publication.
The papers affected are The Northern Echo, the Darlington and Stockton Times, the Evening Despatch and the Durham Advertiser weekly series.
Twenty-four non-NUJ journalists kept the newspapers going for two months in June and July before the printers stopped

as careful attention to Monday's It transpired yesterday that the Government is in a quan-dary over the form the inquiry should take. The original deci-Mr Joe Wade, NGA general secretary, said last night: "I regret that we have been forced into this position, but in the light of the NUI's intransigence sion to have a private inquiry was avowedly not an easy one; over Darlington we have no nor did some ministers now find it easy to reconcile having

The legitimate demand of the NUJ for a closed shop could succeed only on the basis of a strategy agreed with the printing unions, he said. "The sooner the NUJ faces that the better."

Mr Wade said it appeared that the dispute could not be won. "We have no intention of ending up with the situation where the NUJ has achieved its closed shop at Darlington with no newspapers in which to operate it."

away without satisfying the House's demand to be obeyed. A dozen members of the Society of Lithographic Artists, Designers, Engravers and Process Workers, who have been supporting the journalists, will As matters stood yesterday some ministers seem not to have grasped the defeat the Government had suffered at the hands, also return to work next week.
Members of the National
Society of Operative Printers,
Graphical and Media Personnel Parliamentary report, page 10
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Printers end | Miners' leaders set to accept output deal

From Paul Routledge Labour Editor Harrosate

Government ministers may look to an unexpected quarter, the miners, for a fillip tomorrow the miners, for a fillip tomorrow to their pay policy.

The executive of the National Union of Mineworkers is about to stand on its head last month's secret pithead ballot that rejected by a small majority a productivity pay formula designed to take the steam out of coaffield wage militancy.

After much searching of

After much searching of hearts and fact, not wholly unconnected with loyalty to the Labour Government, the moderate-dominated leadership of the NUM is expected to vote for freedom to negotiate self-financing coalfield productivity schemes where the miners ware schemes where the miners want

The vote is being privately predicted at 15 to nine for this escape route from militancy over the union's official claim of £135 a week for faceworkers from November 1.

That demand has been sub-mitted, and the National Coal Board has told the union that the industry cannot negotiate increased pay before March 1, 1978, because of the TUC's 12month rule on pay sertlements. month rule on pay settlements.

That rule, endorsed by the TUC General Council once again only two weeks ago, is also expected to win through at the NUM's executive meeting in London, when the moderates rally round the Labour flag and put off any thought

of confrontation over pay for at least two months. A move on those lines would

give the Government hard pressed by the firemen's strike pressed by the firemen's strike and the continuing refusal of union leaders of one million local authority manual workers to accept a wage deal that increases the pay bill by 10.7 per cent, valuable time to get reluctant groups of workers who have not yet settled into line with the 10 per cent guidelines.

Some runk-and-file feelings over the pay issue spilt over into the debate at an NUM conference on industrial democracy at Harrogate yesterday, but they were quickly ruled out of order by the chairman, the union's president, Mr Joseph Gormley. Cormiey. He opened the conference

with a general argument that pitmen should be at the top of the wages league, linking their pay standing to higher productivity and the extension of participation in the coalmin-ing industry, which would help to achieve that. Guidelines supported: Mr Law-

rence Day, general secretary of the NUM, said yesterday that he could not support a general campaign against the 10 per cent timited (the Press Association reports). "Some Association reports). Some unions have already settled for 10 per cent and it would be a condemnation of them," he rold a firemen's picket at the con-ference in Harrosate. Business News, page 30

Dr Kaunda abandons Anglo-US initiative

Lusaka, Dec 6.-President Kaunda of Zambia announced today that he is pulling out of the latest Anglo-American peace efforts in Rhodesia, presenting the faltering Western nitiative with a further rebuff. "We withdraw from the

debate. We will no longer sit around a conference table to discuss the proposals", he said. Dr Kaunda coupled his sonouncement with a bitter, tearful attack on Dr Owen, the British Foreign Secretary.

British Foreign Secretary.

Dabbing his eyes with a white handkerchief, he told a press conference that no black man could accept Dr Owen's reaction to Rhodesian raids into Mozambique earlier this month, in which 1,200 nationalists were reported killed. He said Dr Owen's reaction had been: "Yes, I condemn the brutal murders but it also shows Smith is powerful, the white man is powerful.

"If there's any Zambian that

"If there's any Zambian that wants to go with Owen I'll denounce him and deal with denounce him end deal with him firmly", Dr Kaunda sald. Dr Kaunda made it clear he would still participate actively in the Rhodesia issue by supporting the black nationalist guerrillus fighting the white minority regime in Rhodesia. "We will not eguin make Continued on page 6, col 7

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Premiere of unfinished symphony cancelled

By Martin Huckerby Music Reporter

The saga of Malcolm Williamson's jubilee symphony has finally ended, at least temporarily, with 20 announcement yesterdes that its premiere tomogramight has been cancelled.

Although or whree move-ments of his warth symphony have been completed, Mr Williamson, Master of the Queen's Music, said on Monday that those three parts would be given at the premiere before the Queen and the Duke of

However, he changed his mind overnight and announced yesterday that it would be improper to perform only part

of it.
The orchestra that was to play the work at the Festival Hall, the London Philharmonic, nai, the London Phinarmonic, received the score only yesterday, but a representative said the reason for the cancellation was not that the players were unable to learn the work in time; it was the composer's decident.

decision.
The symphony, which The symphony, which was commissioned to murk the jubilee and conceived as a homage to the Queen, was originally planned by the composer as an 18-minute work. But when he began work on it his music could not keep within those bounds: like Topsy, it just growed

just growed. Seeking to avoid distractions, be left London to spend several weeks in the Camargue, where be worked furiously to complete the symphony, but to no

Even the three movements that were to have been per-formed tomorrow night would have lasted about 25 minutes, His announcement brings to an end a chequered jubiled year for the Australian compo-ser. His royal appointment has

ser. His royal appointment has meant a series of big commissions, which have clearly been too great a burden for him.

While some of the work was successfully completed in time for performance as scheduled, his Mass of Christ the King caused havon at the Three Choirs Festival in August: parts of the music arrived at the last moment and in the event the work was performed incomplete.

plete. The Queen is still due to the concert under Hairink tomorrow attend night, despite the demise of the symphony. Instead of Mr Williamson's work she will hear Elgar's Cockaigne—In London

Firemen's leaders strive to intensify action

By Doneld Macintyre
Labour Reporter
The Fire Brigades Union has formally asked other unions to tell any members who work as part-time firemen to cease to provide normal cover during the strike.

A letter sent to unious yester-day said that wholetime firemen felt bitter about retained men who continued to work normmainly in rural or semi-

The FBU said last night that the Associated Society of Loco-motive Engineers and Firemen and several areas of the National Union of Mineworkers, including South Wales, Notting-hamshire and Yorkshire, had asked part-timers among their

asked part-timers among their members not to work normally during the dispute.

At a six-hour meeting, at which the executive held firmly to the pursuit of the strike, now in its fourth week, a potentially awkward split was avoided when it did not debate any proposal to meet the employers' side of the national

ployers' side of the national joint council.

The local authority employers, who are meeting today, had said that there was a "standing invitation." invitation" to the union to meet

them if it wished.
Consultations behind the scenes between the employers secretariat and the union had by yesterday produced what Mr Terence Parry, the union's general secretary, described as a murual understanding that it was not required to take part

in today's meeting.
Had a formal invitation been issued, strong opposition from some executive members would have been certain, on the grounds that the strike was for an improvement of the immediate 10 per cent pay offer and that discussions with the

employers on any future poy formula would be irrelevant.

Mr Parry said: "It is not a question of snubbing anyone. The meeting is strictly an employers' one, and we have not had to take a decision."

He said the firemen would

continue to press other unions for financial and industrial support and for their backing on the TUC General Council when the union challenges the finance and general purposes com-

Mr Parry added: "People are as determined now as when they went out on strike and they look like remaining determined." The executive ex-pressed regret the deaths of two fire fighting Servicemen in a road crash in Manchester

early yesterday. Mr Thomas Watkins, Chief Fire Officer for Derbyshire, called yesterday for the wages of firemen, police and Armed Services to be protected in return for their not being allowed to strike.

Mr Warkins, secretary of the Chief Officers' and Assistant Chief Fire Officers' Association, suggested that the wages of the three groups should be matched to average earnings in the "top six industries", with an addi-tional payment of perhaps 10

per cent.
The Derbyshire brigade sald that six firemen had resigned since the strike started. But a recruitment advertisement which appeared shortly after the strike began, had brought 20 firm applications.

The National Association of Fire Officers had voted by a

majority of four to one against strike action in support of its own 40 per cent claim. "Green Goddess" inquiry and

IRA bomb attack, page 2

Mr Begin cancels meetings after stomach upset

By Robert Parker

Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, yesterday cancelled all engagements because of what a spokesman of the Israeli Embassy described as a stomach

Mr Begin, whose official visit ended on Sunday night, was to have met MPs sympathetic to the Israeli cause in the morping, and in the after-noon to have seen Mr White-law, the Opposition deputy leader, in the absence of Airs Thatcher.

The embassy strongly denied reports made on Israel radio from London that Mr Begin

had "chest pains". A spokes-man said: "I have simply no idea where these reports came from. There is no truth in them at all."

Mr Begin, who is 64, suffered a heart attack in March, and has been in hospital three times so far this year Since his visit to London he has also suffered

a foot infection.

His doctor confined him to bed at his London hotel in the morning. Mr Begin was then allowed up, but confined to his room in the afternoon. The embassy spokesman added that Mr Begin would be leaving Britain today as plan-

ned, after a press conference.

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Bermuda leader angry over Owen claim on hangings

Mr Gibbons, the Bermuda Premier, angered by Dr Owen's statement about the island hangings, said yesterday that the Bermuda Government did not have the authority to stop the executions. Mr Gibbons said that Dr Owen was not religed to accept the recommendation there should be no reprieve. The state in the capital has been pushed back the middless after another fairly quiet page 8

Extord end losing run

defined ended a run of five Cambridge describes in the University match when they won by 16 points to 10 at Twickenham. Oxford's only try was scored by ham. Oxford's only try was scored by Moir and Watkinson kicked four penalties Page 11

State borrowing down

Total public borrowing in the third quarter of this year was only £970m, suggesting that at the end of the current financial year the public sector borrowing requirement will be substantially below the latest estimate of £7,500m Page 4

MPs oppose EEC

Libour, Liberal and SNP backbenchers will oppose a European Commission directive that commercial demonstrations of fast-breeder reactors "should continue without interruption". The MPs say the Windscale report should be debated publicly before any decision is taken on building commercial reactors

Grunwick's pay

A tribunal is expected to report that pay and conditions at the Grunwick filmprocessing laboratory do not full below levels in comparable companies. The finding arises from an inquiry into a case brought by the union involved in the 15-month dispute Page 2

Jones call for 'talk-ins' A plea for industrial peace and for fewer strikes was made by Mr. Jack Jones, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, when he delivered the Richard Dimbleby Lecture of SBC 1. The sim cheld he will be a second to the strength of the second to the on BBC 1. The aim should be talk-ins, not walk-outs, he said. Many strikes could be avoided by more discussion and concilia-

Mr Vance for Syria President Assad of Syria has invited Mr

Cyrus Vance to Damascus next week during the American Secretary of State's latest Middle East tour. Mr Vance will urge support for President Sadat's peace initiative and thus make the Americans mediators between two Arab governments Page 8

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SNP to join Lib-Lab backbenchers against **EEC** nuclear directive

By Michael Hatfield Political Reporter

Labour, Liberal and Scottish nationalist backbenchers are to join forces in the Commons tonight to attack a European Commission directive on nuclear energy, which, they say, flies in the face of feeling expressed in Parliament.

They have tabled an amendment stating that within the United Kingdom there is need for widespread public debate on the report of the Windscale Inquiry before reprocessing policies are determined. It calls for a full public inquiry and parliamentary debate before any decision is taken on the construction of any commercial demonstration fast

Those who have signed the amendment object to a phrase in one of the directives that states that the demonstration of fast-breeder reactor tech-nologies by industry "should continue without interruption."

cessing should go ahead.

Mr Leo Abse, Labour MP for Pontypool, who tabled the amendment, said last night: "If Britain is hustled by the European Community into an element of reprocessing it will participating in the sabotage of the initiative statement by President Carter, who has, to prevent proliferation, pleaded for reprocessing to be halted.".

Others who have signed the amendment are Mr Blenkinsop amendment are his bleakinson (South Shields), Mr Cook Edinburgh Central) both Labour; Mr Thompson, Scotrish National Party MP for Galloway and Mr D. Penhaligon, Liberal MP for Truro.

Mr Abse said: "The European move flies in the face of the general cpinion expressed in the Commons last Friday when all sides were sympathetic to the view that there should be a full debate in the House They also complain that there on the Windscale report befig an implicit expectation in any decision was reached." on the Windscale report before

Labour left snubs European socialists' manifesto

Labour European supporters who would like to see the Miss Jennie Little, internation party have a common manifest al secretary; Mr Alex Kitson, to with other countries in of the Transport and General fighting direct elections to the European Parliament suffered a setback yesterday.

Miss Jennie Little, international secretary; Mr Alex Kitson, of the Transport and General Workers' Union; Mrs Castle; and Mrs Hart, Minister for Overseas Development.

The committee did not have a setback yesterday.

The party's international committee decided to have nothing to do with a draft manifesto drawn up by the European Federation of Socia-

Left-wing critics described the draft as federalist in tone and said it spoke about economic monetary union, both of which were contrary to Labour

Time spent outside school bours in preparing lessons and marking books is an essential purt of a teacher's job, the Employment Appeal Tribunal ruled

resterday. The ruling may give thousands of part-time teachers extra protection under the law.

work enough hours to enable her to allege unfair dismissal by her employer, Essex County

Mrs Lake was engaged by the council for a total of 19 hours and 25 minutes at school. That included three hours and 40 minutes of "free time" for

marking and preparation of lessons outside the classroom,

the council said.

She urgued that to teach

By Diana Geddes

Mikardo, chairman of the com-mittee; Mr Ronald Hayward,

The committee did not have time to discuss complaints arising from Mr Kitson's recent visit to Russia and his praise for the Soviet system of government. The matter will be discussed today.

But the committee took a cautious line over an invitation Communist Party for a party to visit Russia. Instead of Party policy.

The committee decided to set up a set up a small working party to deaft the party's own manifesto. Its members will be Mr accepting the invitation the committee decided to set up a working party to consider the party's attitude to communist party's attitude to communist parties in Eastern Europe.

Preparing lessons outside in time".

Mr Steel denounced Mrs.

Thatcher's suggestion that new constituencies could be delineated in time, "by-passing all the democratic and independent procedures of the school hours 'part of job' year, the qualifying time for protection under the Act has

been cut to 16 hours a week.

"If a teacher found it neces in charge of organizing what is believed to 5° me first all-party lobby of MPs on behalf of PR. In all, 17 organizations are backing the lobby next Tuesday but the emphasis is on the "undecided" Conservatives. sary to spend time outside her on-duty-at-school time in prepa ration or in marking, essential elements in her job, there must be a contractual obligation on The tribunal allowed an her to doso whether it is writ-appeal by Mrs Jane Lake, a ten in her contract or not ", the

Euro-poll debate may be put

back a day

The possibility of the Gov-ernment's moving the next stage of the European elections debats from Tuesday to Wed-nesday next week was causing puzzlement at Westminster last night. With Parliament recessing

for Christmas on Friday next week there is little enough time to meet the Government's latest pledge to its European partners in Brussels yesterday. That piedge by Dr Owen, Foreign Secretary, was that the Bill's key clause three, which provides the method of election, whether proportional representation (PR) of traditional, would be put before the Com-mons by Christmas.

As things here seem left by Mr Foot, Leader of the House, the next day of the Bill before a committee of the whole House is Tuesday. To get to clause three in one day, might require a procedural device to bring it forward "out of time". That has been surgested by That has been suggested by

far, Conservative suspect say, there has been no sign of government action. Some MPs suspect that if the Government decided to out matters off by one day it might hope that members would start drifting away by Christmas.

That might help the clause through if enough Labour MPs

abstained who otherwise would

have voted against.

The passage of PR. or its defeat by a small anti-Labour vote, would placate dissident Liberals who wish Mr Steel, their leader, to make the issue the price of maintaining the pact with the Government. pact with the Government.

pact with the Government.

Mr Steel, returned yesterday to blaming the Conservatives.

"It seems incredible to me "he said in remarks prepared for a London luncheon meeting, "that the party of such European traditions as Churchill's, Macmillan's, Home's and Heath's could falter now, but there is some evidence that they will seek to use their leader's antionathy to any form leader's antipathy to any form of proportional representation in any place at any time, ex-cept Northern Ireland, and to oppose the only method of getting our delegation elected

pendent procedures of the boundary commission.". But discontented Liberals are

ganizations are Vouxhail Motors, which has been consistently critical the Queen's Gallantry Medal.

To by next Tuesonakes the appliances, said of the IRA. Last month a Prothe Contrary to what some visional IRA car bomb was left car that crashed into the Conservatives people are saying, they are reoutside the Belfast office of Thames a year ago.

Retiring woman police chief puts case for speedy punishment

Brainwashed parents blamed for crime rise

mistic about the rise in sion of the railways. juvenile crime she consoles "I was horrified at the herself by remembering that thought of spending the rest of my life in the same office and I decided that the police would be a spending the rest of my life in the same office and I decided that the police would majority ". Miss Wedlake has had an

opportunity to meet many of them. She holds special responsibility within the Metropolitan Police for all matters concerning children and young people. Hor Community Relations Branch took on a limited responsibility towards them after the Children and Young Persons Act, 1969, and that was expanded in 1973 to include al' matters concerning juveniles, and the missing persons bureau.

A policewoman for 31 years, she retires at the end of the year from the "great big family" as she calls the force. She ily" as she calls the force. She and that children who have joined after serving in the committed offences need and Women's Royal Naval Service deserve it. "But I believe that

By John Chartres
A Home Office and Army
inquiry is to be held into an
accident at Newton Heath,
Manchester, early yesterday in
which two members of the
crew of a "Green Goddess"
ire appliance were kileld
when their vehicle overturned.
The inquiry will seek to

The inquiry will seek to determine whether speed limits should be impoed on the

vehicles, which are said to be prone to overturn when cor-

nering sharply, even at modest speeds, because of their high centre of gravity.

Old soldiers recall that mill-

tary vehicles of the chassis type, on which the GrEen God-desses are based, were always prone to roll because they were designed for cross-country use with high ground

clearance.

Army officer's say that any vehicles of that design, particularly when loaded with up to

400 gallons of water and top hamper, such as ladders mounted in the roof, may catch unawares a young soldier

driver brought up on moden military vehicles with far more

up-to-date steering and suspen-

22, who was lin olved in a Green

Goddess crash near Bury, Lan-cashire, yesterday said: "All

the Green Goddesses sway from side to side. When the tank is not full the water splashes about, and the engine sways around."

Vouxheil Motors, which makes the appliances said.

Ranger William Currie, aged

Whenever Chief Supt Mary was reluctant to return to her Wedlake begins to feel pessi- former job in the goods divi-

about, and they are the offer a bit more variety", she

During 1976, 34,458 children between 10 and 16 were responsible for 59,701 offences in the metropolitan police district. The figure includes seven killings, 157 serious assaults, 1,280 minor assaults, 1,513 robberies and thefts, 7,536 burglaries, mostly with forcible entry, and 2,783 cases of criminal damage. inal damage. "Of course I am concerned

about the rise in juvenile crune, and the fact that, as the figures show children's crimes are becoming more and more serious", she says. "But I my to be optimistic." She believes in punishment

'Green Goddess' safety questioned

markably stable. Any vehicle can overturn on an icy road. They were one of the finest vehicles of their kind ever built, a representative added. More than 73,000 had been built between 1952 and 1970 and they were still being used in the statement of the carriers.

in roles varying from crop-spraying in Africa to Nato military duty.

The representative said:
"Their four-wheel drive gives them a great deal of stability.

They can climb over a mass of

day, that an appliance from Greater Manchester Fire Bri

gade bed been involved in a similar "rolling" accident only

a few days before the firemen's strike began.

The men who died yesterday in Manchester were Ranger Hugh Thompson, aged 26, married with two children, of Links Birchards near Chalten.

Little Risslogtoa, near Chalten-ham, and Ranger Charles McLoughlin, aged 22, unmar-ried, of co Londonderry.

Threat to newspaper: Journalists and printers manned boses

alongside army firefighters ves-terday when a Provisional IRA homb attack threatened the premises of Ulster's main Unionist newspaper. The News Letter, Beliest (Christopher Walker writes from Belfast).

Although the bombs were

planted in an adjoining ware-house detectives believe the

News Letter presses were the main target. The newspaper

In fact it was learnt yester-

markably stable. Any vehicle another daily paper, The Irish



Miss Wedlake: optimistic

tered as soon as possible. The proceedings should not be strung out for a long time.

Flames from the fire leaps

As the flames spread rapidly

two children died in a fire last week. Mr Francis Harris, senior

fire prevention officer, said the

summonses allege fire-safety

In Lancashire striking fire-men said yesterday that they

would never work again under the county's chief fire officer, as part of their campaign against "strike breakers".

Fireman Kenneth Kay, aged 23, of Berkshire Fire Erigade,

gave up his picket duty for the day yesterday when he went to Buckingham Palace to receive the Queen's Gallantry Medal.

investigation, assessment and treatment."

Miss Wedlake says she respects social workers and By Pat Healy would not want them to lose Social Services Correspondent their idealism, but they must be practical. "There are children who benefit from a more detailed investigation be able to use the money to into their backgrounds, but lease a new, adapted car from most of them are better off for a voluntary organization being being punished quickly, set up under the chairmanship before they have forgotten what it is they are being punished for."

a formularly organization being set up under the chairmanship of Lord Goodman. Those changes were announced in the Commons fast night by Mr

Parents, she thinks, deserve a lot of the blame for the rise in crime but she is sceptical about training young paople for parenthood while they are still at school.

"That is not the way make young people good parents", she says. "My fether was a good parent and he did not get any training for it.

Parents today have been brainwashed into believing that it is wrong to discipline or chastise children. There is a stress on children's rights, but none on their responsibilities."

get more

100 ft over the centre of Belfast after the bombs had exploded on two floors of the warehouse. Shops and offices over a wide area were evacuated.

As the flower spread rapidly rowards the News Letter build-ing members of the staff joined

in the effort to control them.

Mr Alan Anderson, managing director, said later: "There is no doubt that if it had not been for the staff the building would have been destroyed."

Girl's body recovered: The body of Barbara Keen, aged 18, was found yesterday in the remains of building in Gaskarth

Road, Balham, London. The building had been destroyed by fire on Monday.

Essex fire brigade is to issue summonses against Mr Peter Marshall, owner of the Manor Rotel at Westcliff-on-Sea, where

time of an average of three hours a week.

The officers will receive their

Mr Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, had warned the council that an earlier offer of 101 per cent and 11 extra days' leave appeared to breach the Government's pay policy. Under the new agreement the extra leave, together with a £1.72½ weekly supplement, form

The executive of the NUS

phase two payment of 5 per cent togother with productivity increases from this month worth from 7.5 per cent for cadets to 15.5 per cent for senior officers.

Seamen to than 10pc

The Department of Employment has sanctioned pay and productivity deals that will give Merchant Navy seamen and officers total earnings increases well over 10 per cent.

The department has told the General Council of British Ship-ping that its offers to the four unions represting 46,000 officers and cadets and to 24,000 mem-bers of the National Union of Seamen fall within government

part of a self-mancing produc-tivity deal of which a key provision is a reduction in over-

accepted the deal, which will take ffc effrom January 2, but under the union's rules must be referred to a ballot of the membership, results of which are expected in the middle of

special insurance and maintenance terms. Motability will arrange hire purchase on better terms than are usually available for disabled people and will help the poorest disabled people with their mobility. The clearing banks have agreed to make available £100m on what Mr Sterling described as terms appreciably more favourable than any individual disabled person could obtain. Motability is expected to help Morebility is expected to help at least 40,000 disabled people. Parliamentary report, page 10 Leading Liberal described as

Disabled to

and chance

of new car

The mobility allowance is to he raised to £10 a week next July and disabled people will

Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services. The Chancellor promised in

his recent economic package that the mobility allowance, which rose by £2 to £7 a week in November, would be raised again next year Mr Ennals

announced that the allowance would be raised again in November, 1979, and thereafter each year in line with prices or earnings, whichever was

higher, but not motoring costs. The second fulfilled promise

is that ways would be found to maximize the value of the mobility allowance, which has been widely criticized as no low to enable disabled people

low to enable disabled people to buy and run a car.

The new organization, which will be registered as a charity, was welcomed last night by the disability organizations, which have pressed for more help now that the invalid tricycle is to be phased out. But details of how the organization, to be called Motability, will operate are not clear.

will operate are not clear.
Mr Jeffrey Sterling, a City

Mr Jettrey Sterling, a City businessman who will chair the executive committee of Motability, said he hoped the leasing arrangements would enable a disabled person to assign his mobility allowance for four years in return for a new adapted car.

The sim would be that the

The aim would be that the disabled person would have to meet only the expenses of perrol and oil, road tax and

value-added tax, but that depended on negotiations for

special insurance and main-

get £10

naive do-gooder Bernard Greaves, a leading Liberal, was described by counsel as a "naive do-gooder" yesterday after Judge Wild was told at Cambridge Crowa Court that he invited two home-less this yes to what his best less thieves to share his bei-room when they arrived on his

doorstep late at night.
The youths, both aged 17 and with previous criminal convic-tions, lived in Mr Greaves's Cambridge home and luter burgled two schools, it was

stated. Mr Greaves, aged 35, the Mr Greaves, aged 35, the Liberal Party's national publicity officer and a member of its national executive, was found not guilty to two charges of receiving their stoien goods. Mr Greaves, of John Street, Cambridge, said the youths had nowhere to go and had been aleeping rough. "I have helped young people in various wars." young people in various ways since 1965", he said.

since 1965", ne said.

They shared his bedroom because the sitting-room got stuffy if slept in because it contained a lot of property.

More details wanted on Polish order

Greensword School, Hockley, Justice Bristow said in a re-Essex, against an industrial tribunal ruling that she did not The appeal tribunal has sent

the case back to be reheard be-fore a differently constituted industrial tribunal. Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, which argued the case for Mrs Luke, said: "The NUT has won an unprecedented partime safeguard teachers." for

Essex County Council worried lest the judgment should mean that part-time teachers will now claim pay-ment for hours worked outside properly she had to do extra work at home, and that that would bring the total time she normally worked each week to more than 21 hours, the minitheir contractual hours. It said it would be appealing to the Court of Appeal. Leave to appeal was granted by the Employment Appeal Tribunal. mum required for protection under the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act, 1974.

By Hugh Noyes Conservative leaders yestersidies tempted the Poles.

day stepped up their campaign in the Commons to force the Government to provide more details about the £115m Polish shipbuilding order that was announced with such a flourish by Mr Callaghan at the Labour Party conference in October.

Growing suspicions that the Government has something to hide over the way the order was won against worldwide Law Report, page 20 | competition spurred the OpposiState for Industry. Mony Tories feel that unacceptably high sub-

Fired by the Commons victory for open government in the Crown Agents debute the night before, Mr Whitelaw, the Tory deputy leader, pressed for less secrecy in other dark recesses of Whitehall.

Mr Foot, Leader of the House and Labour's deputy leader, promised to consider a state ment and an appropriate time for it, but that did not satisfy

In brief

Murder man's

tongue cut out

Mr James McKenzie, aged 50. suspected by his attackers of being a police informer had his rongue cut out and a knife left in his mouth, it was stated at the Central Criminal Court yes

Andrew Pearson, aged 33, a porter, and Andrew Hemming, aged 26, a labourer, both of Sumner Road, Peckham, London, were both jailed for life for Mr McKenzie's murder.

A Chilean sailor, Julio Andrade, aged 29, who jump id his ship in Liverpool and is seeking political asylum, is be-

ing detained pending inquiries. He said his father had been killed and his family threatened.

Top marks for Prince

Wales as

Describing the Prince of Wales as the best dressed

young man in the world", Mr Graham Lack, chairman of the

Tie Manufacturers' Association

said yesterday that he had dis-pelled the slovenly image of a rundown Britain.

Leslie Whittle, aged 27, a postman, of Horace Street, Bolton, Greater Manchester,

Bolton, Greater Manchester, who admitted stealing three postal packets and asked for 520 other similar offences to

be considered, was jailed at Manchester Crown Court yes-

Gareth Hampton, aged 15 months, who lived near Corty. Northamptonshire, was crushed to death when he fell under the

wheel of a bus at Kettering lus

Jail for postman

terday for two years.

station yesterday.

Child killed by bus

Seventh school fire The police yesterday were investigating the seventh school fire in Nortinghamshire, at Croft Primary School, Sutton-in-Ashfield, within three months.

Sailor seeks asylum

provisions had been profised as soon as they were completed. What subsidy was involved, he asked, and what were the

penalty clauses?

From the Tory back beaches
Mr Michael Grylls asked how
many British seamen would be
out of a job because of British
subsidies building up the Come
con merchant fleet.

Mr Foot said no British
sailors would lose their jobs,
and employment for many shipyard workers depended on the
order. penalty clauses?

Parliamentary report, page 10 Statement expected, page 29

Grunwick wages expected to be found normal By Robert Parker

By Robert Parker

Pay and conditions at the Grunwick film processing factory in north London, which has been at the centre of a 15-month industrial dispute, do not fall below pay and conditions in comparable companies.

That is expected to be the finding of a Central Arbitration Committee tribunal to be made public next week. The tribunal. public next week. The tribunal, which sat eight weeks ago, examined a case brought by the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff (Apex) the union involved in the dispute.

Mr Roy Grantham, the union's general secretary, alleged that pay and conditions fell far below those of comparable companies. But the cribunal has found that his case does not stand in relation to

pay and conditions at Grunwick this year. When told of the expected result last night, a representa-tive of the Grunwick strikers said: "This does not surprise us. Grunwick has increased its pay dramatically since the dispute began. Its rates are now broadly comparable to those of other companies in what is a

low-pay industry." The company says its pay bas always been comparable to if not better than, that at similar companies, and has denied that achieved comparable status only as the result of recent large increases.

Union warning on Front activity

The General and Municipal Workers' Union threatener resterday to dismiss any official who uses his position in the union to promote the racist policies of the National Front

The executive council unanimously adopted a statement opposing attempts by the National Front and other racialist groups to infiltrate trade

Prisoner freed to 'save tion to demand a statement Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, from Mr Varley, Secretary of shadow Chancellor, reminded him that details of the financial the good face of justice?

Mr J. J. Selwyn, a deputy judge, suggested to counsel in private during a theft trial at Stafford Crown Court that if the defendant did not plead guilty he would be in danger of going to prison. Lord Justice Shaw said in the Court of Appeal vesterday. Appeal yesterday.

Mr Selwyo, it was said, struck

Mr Selwyn, it was said, struck a military note when he saw counsel in his private room. But the defendant, Allan George Bird, pleaded not gulity. He was convicted, and was sentenced by Mr Selwyn to 21 months imprisonment.

Lord Justice Shaw ordered Mr Bird to be freed "in the in-

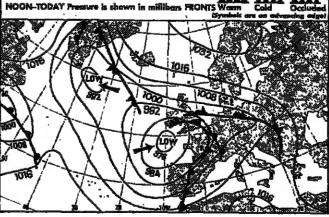
terests of the preservation of the good face of justice". The 21-month sentence would have been perfectly proper except that the manner in which it

Mr Bird, aged 40, a packer. of Gregory Lane, Loyston. Eccleshall, was convicted on April 25 of steaking about \$2,000 from his employers. The Court of Appeal suspended his

sentence.

Lord Justice Shaw, sitting with Mr Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Mars-Jones, told Mr Bird that he should consider

Weather forecast and recordings



Today

Sum set : Som rises: 3.52 pm Moon rises : Moon sets : 3.18 am New moon : December 10. Lighting up : 4.22 pm to 7:23 am. High water : London Bridge, 10.9 am, 6.4m (20.9ft); 10.52 pm, 6.8m (22.3ft). Avonmouth, 3.27 am, 10.9m (35.6ft); 3.53 pm, 11.4m (37.5ft). Dover, 7.29 am, 6.1m (20.0ft); 8.9 pm, 6.1m (20.0ft); 8.9 pm, 6.1m (20.9ft); 3.10 pm, 6.5m (21.3ft). Liverpool, 7.51 am, 8.2m (26.8ft); 8.13 pm, 8.4m (27.6ft).

Depression to the 5W of Britain

Depression to the SW of Britain with associated troughs moving N across England and Wales. Porecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London, East Anglia, Midlands,
S Wales: Mainly cloudy, rain at
times; wind E, veering S,
moderate or fresh; max temp 8°C

(46°F).
SB. central S. SW England,
Chaunel Islands: Mainly cloudy,
rain at times; wind S, moderate
or fresh, perhaps strong on coasts;
max temp 9°-11°C (48°-52°F).

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sl, sleet; sn, snow.

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Glasgow, Argyll, NW Scotland: Dry, bright intervals; wind E-fresh; max temp 5°-7°C (41°-



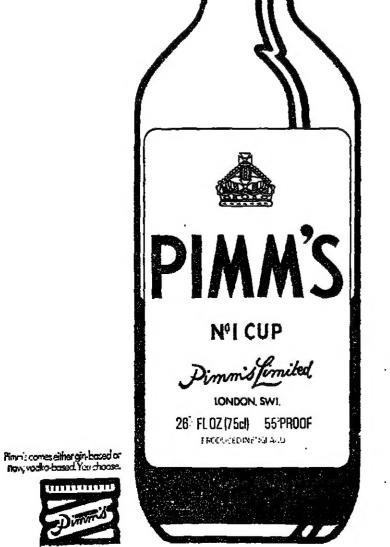
Sea passages: S North Sea: Wind SE, strong or gale; sea very rough. Strait of Dover; Wind S. trong; sea rough. English Channel: Wind SW. strong : sea rough. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind SE to E, gale; sea high.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am to 6 pm, 5°C (41°F); min, 6 pm to 6 am, 4°C (39°F). Humidity, 5 pm, 96 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, 05in. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, odi 8 Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm. 991.8







On the thirst day of Christmas

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	£4.25 (5p)	£4.95(5½p)	£4.95(5½p)	(L3GL.model: £4.95(6p)
PORD ESCORT HOOL OR SEATLAR	LA1.45	£60.00	£59,50	£90.00
	£5.85(6p)	£6.25(6½p)	£6.25(6½p)	£7.00(8p)
FORD CORCINA 1600LOR STAILAR	£63.05	£75.00	£7L75	£115.00
	£6.75 (7p)	£8.50(8½p)	£8.25(8½p)	(GL model) £11.00 (11p)
FORD CORTINA ESTATE 1600LOR SIMILAR	LT2.80	£102.00	£94.50	Notshown
FORD ALCO OR SIMILAR	£9.75 (10p)	£13.00(12½p)	£12.50(13p)	(Ghia model) £19.00(19p)
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THE CAPTIONAY DECEMBER 2 1977

Chancellor beats off Government left-wing critics of government pay policy

gaining group.

"But the fact is there have

so far been no significant settlements which would pro-

duce an earnings increase below the 10 per cent guide-line, and there have been

"So I must ask those who

the I'llsh people now fully undersuod that it was better

to improve living standards

wage increases than through

excessive wage increases, which were bound to increase prices

The debate had been initiated

particularly for workers subject to national agreements.

and unemployment

By Michael Harfield Political Reporter

Mr Healey. Chancellor of the Exchequer, beat off his left-wing critics inside the party yesterday when he rejected their suggestion that the Gov-ernment was heading for electotal disaster if it continued its present economic policies.

His most trenchant critic was Mr Norman Atkinson, treasurer of the Labour Party, who stated that it was not the economists but the geologists who discovered North Sea oil who were making life bearable. "If 50 the Government continues down party will go into deep defeat at the next election, from which the Labour Party can never recover", he predicted.

But Mr Healey would have

"So I must ask those who demand greater flexibility to tell me which unions in which negotiations should accept earnings increases well below 10 per cent in order to make room for other settlements above. My feeling is that the TUC's response to the firemen last Friday suggests that it will not be easy to find volunteers for that sort of self-sacrifice." none of it when he replied to a debate at a meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party. If the progress continued in the next 12 mouths as it had done n the previous year the party had every chance of winning the general election, with the support of the Parliamentary Labour Party and the party in

the country, he said. The Chancellor offered few hints as to his thinking on the next stage of pay policy, although he responded favourably to the comments of Mr Bavid Basnett, general secretary of the General and Municipal Workers' Union, who in a re-cent article suggested that the initiative would best come from the trade unions.

But he continued: "The Government has an inescapable responsibility for saying what increase in earnings it thinks the country can afford. The more the unions and employers can cooperate on deciding how to doal with differentials and incentives width that limit the better. The problem will not go away if we ignore it.

The Chancellor, sticking firmly to the 10 per cent guidelines, said it was not a policy devised by him and the Treasury torture chamber but was worked out collectively by the Cabinet.

by the left-wing Tribune Group, which wants a restoration of public spending cuts and more flexibility in the 10 per cent guidelies in the public and private street. private sectors. Mr Edward Fletcher, chairman of the group, said the working of the wages policy was as severe as any in the past. He called for more flexibility.

Turning to his critics who Healey said it was fair to ask how much higher they wanted

Son buried

in a field,

court told

Stephen Menheniott, aged 19. was treated like a lackey by his

robust father, a farmworker, it was stated at Bodmin Crown-

and a potato tray, counted added. The young man also had a knife thrown at him, tea

punched repeatedly.
He was seen tethered outside

feur that people would see the tell-tale marks of violence, Mr

Owen-Thomas continued. Counsel alleged that the

in a corner of a field.
William Menheniott, aged 53,

the son went to a dentist and three of his front teeth were

found to be damaged beyond repair. "The violence had been

such that it had broken off large parts of the crowns of the teeth , counsel said.
Earlier, the jury had been shown four ribs, with five frac-

tures, Mr Owen-Thomas said a pathologist would tell them that three of the ribs bad been

broken some months before

the young man's death. A fourth rib had been fractured

twice. "some time in the last few days of the life of this

youth" he said. Mr Owen-Thomas said that

when the young man died Mr Menheniott said he could not have a proper funeral. "After Menheniott had dug a shallow grove in California Field, the

body was taken in a car and

wheeled to the graveside in a

wheelbarrow covered with tar-paulin." The hody was put in

the grave and earth and logs

A small fire-bomb placed

under a window at the Spanish

consul's office in Draventt Place,

Chelsea, early vesterday, failed

were put on top, counsel said.

London fire bomb

to so off properly.

the Cabinet.

to set up social work training fund to see Britain's inflation rate

By Pat Healy Social Services Correspondent

"We have been asked to The social work training fund allow more flexibility in our pay policy", he said. "In fact, demanded by a wide range of bodies is to be set up by the Government, Mr Ennais, Secretary of State for Social Services, made clear yesterday. The Government will provide half the finance and the fund will be sufficient to aver any crisis. in the settlements already made there has been a great variety of combinations between increases in basic rates and pro-ductivity increases. And large firms have used the "kitty" principle to negotiate a spread be sufficient to evert any crisis in training next year. of earnings as wide as 7 to 14 per cent for the same bar-

Pressure for such a fund has grown in the wake of fears that 600 training places would not be filled for the 1977-78 financial year because of public spending cuts. Local authorities, restricted in the number of staff they could take on because of the cuts, were reluctant to second social workers for training.

for training.
But Mr Ennals said in a But Mr Ennals said in a statement yesterday that the predicted crisis had not happened, partly because of the extra grants his department had made available for postgraduate students. The number of social workers with the main professional qualification, the Certificate of Qualification, the Certificate of Qualification in Social Work, was steadily increasing in spite of the economic situation.

He continued: "The department is now discussing with the local authority essociations the creation of a central training fund with equal shares

The Chancellor declared that in the past 12 mouths Britain's economic outlook had been transformed. The country was all set for single-figure infla-tion by next spring. Three sets of cuts in income tax this year had already produced an in-crease in hving standards. ing fund with equal shares being paid in by the Depart-ment of Health and Social Security and the local authori-Mr Healey said he thought

He was satisfied that the new fund would cope with any sort of crisis in training pext year and pointed out that the department was already providing belp with the administrative costs of courses leading to the new Certificate of Social Sernew Certificate of Social Service. That qualification is intended mainly for existing staff in the social services, particularly those in residential

the announcement was welcouncil for Education and
Training in Social Work,
although it noted that Mr
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I Education and the fund. But the fund would provide a more stable basis for social work training.

New measures of prosperity and success advocated

From John Young Planning Reporter

Birmingham _ The concept of the five and abstraction of abstraction would still be standing ready paterials."

Our Victorian ancestors of the five and three would be appealed to find than lived near Denbigh, Clayd, six President of the Royal Town the better part of a century Planning Institute, told the later. we were still planning in a house without main electron yesterday.

Our victorian ancestors of the Williams said that he lived near Denbigh, Clayd, six miles from the nearest bus stop in a house without main electricity. "You must like sheep and Country Planning Association and Squitstion before you do the job" he said that he weather is the main at our command levels of hassie." Mr David Owen-Thomas, QC for the prosecution. He was savagely beaten. The weapons included high tension cables, scaffolding, a shovel, broomstick, fence post

One such "week" would be used for production and income, he said. The other would be free for recreation and the exercise of talents and capabilities, which few people had so far had time to develop.

his cottage home and was not allowed to leave the farm for Growth production, cash flows, consumption of energy, even tonnages of garbage were today's measures of prosperity and success. Suicide rates, alcoholism, vandalism and other
signs of despectation were
seen as mere statistics, part of
the price to be paid for such
levels of prospective. young man was eventually killed by his father and heried of Holy Vale. St Mary's, Isles of Scilly, denied nurdering Lls son between December 25, 1975, and March 1 last. He also levels of prosperity.

"We keep men grinding away at machines to make things we don't even want, and then employ thousands of advertising men and salesmen to flog them to unwilling consumers to feed back into council incinerators", he stated. "There must be something things we don't even wan pleaded not guilty to four charges of causing his son grievous bodily harm, but admitted intending to prevent the holding of an inquest by burying the body.

"The story we have to tell is one of repeated bullying and acts of savage violence aimed at this youth", Mr Owen Thomas said. One of the defendant's daughters frequently

fundamegrally wrong with economic lines of thought that lead to such waste of men's lives and destruction of materials."

at our command levels of mechanical, electronic and medical capabilities undream of in their "ubstairs down-stairs" era, but had not the good sense to cash in on them.

"If, as I houe, we shall e able to get our ideas straight, I foresee our planning for new levels of happiness and affluence beyond the wildest dreams of our Victorian Grandfathes."

Mr Tom Hancock, an archi-Mr Tom Hancock, an architect, who was responsible for the draft plan for Peterborough New Town, said planning had become a syndicate profession "weided into the machinery of government". Public disillusionment might prevent it from filling a central role in futures unless it tral role in future; unless it was prepared to create of itself a more positive and receptive system, it might eventually be discarded.

Quiet leadership expected from new Head of Home Civil Service

Sir Ian Bancroft is anxious to dispel the public's hostile attitude to Whitehall

Sir Ian Bancroft, whose appointment as Head of the Home Civil Service was autoun-Home Civil Service was announced last week, has begun to disclose the style of leadership he will adopt as head of his profession. He is unlikely to make any public statement before taking up his post at the Civil Service Department on lanuary 1, but his closest confidents in Whitehall have been given an indication of his aims. given an indication of his aims.

Chief among them is the dechief among them is the de-sire to deflect public hostility from Whitehall. By the time he retires in 1982 he would like the Civil Service to have re-gained the esteem in which it was held in the late 1940s after its herculean, if improvised, achievements during the Second World War.

Sir Ian feels that there are

of failure and incompetence.

His friends, who have been at pains to mitigate the impression of reticence Sir Ian has given in many quarters, say he is determined that civil servants should demonstrate their ability to assist ministers in governing the country well. Whitehall should be more open in displaying its successes.

Whitehall expects a style of leadership from Sir Ian. He has intimated that his model will be the late Lord Bridges, who set a dignified, elevated tone as Head of the Home Civil Service when Sir Ian entered

no easy answers to contemporary attacks on the Civil Service. He sees them as part of a theme. As the man who built up wider reaction against "the the conglomerate Department system". He is convinced, however, that policy successes are needed to dispel the impression and then dismembered in 1976, its parameters secretary. 1976 as its permanent secretary. Sir Ian has become sceptical

> His immediate preoccupation when he moves from Marsham Street to the Old Admiralty Building will probably be with three areas :

1: Replying to a critical report from the Commons Select Com-mittee of Expenditure: he will have to advise the Prime Minister on the final draft of a White

2: Civil Service pay: the pros-pects of disorder for spring, 1978, are very great as the Pay Research Unit, which determines salary

comparison with the private sec-tor, will be reestablished only after suspension during a period of incomes podcy, about in medicial form, in time for the 1979 pay 3; Industrial democracy in gov-

eroment departments : on that issue the Civil Service Department cannot find an easy answer given the supremary of Parliament and about the value of structural elected governments in policymaking. Another task Sir Ian has set

himself is the healing of wounds inflicted upon each other by the Civil Service staff associations. His cautious diplomacy will be applied to that area in the next 12 months.

The overall impression Sir Ian bas given his senior col-leagues is his determination to think his way into the job and to avoid committing himself to grandiose initiatives. He will replace Sir Douglas Allen, who retires at the end of the month.

Mr J. Jones calls for talk-ins, not walk-outs

Public for Lo

By Christopher Thomas

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Labour Reporter
Mr Jack Jones, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, appealed for industrial peace when he delivered the annual Richard Dimbieby Lecture last night.
In a message to "fellow trade unionists" he said: "The world does not owe us a living, and

does not owe us a living, and we must not be afraid to tackle our own shortcomings. There are too many strikes. All of them have a reason, but many could be avoided by more discould by the avoided by more discould be avoided by more discould by more discould by the avoided by more discould be avoided by more discould by the avoided by more discould be avoided by more discould by the avoided by more discould by the avoided by more discould be avoided by more discould be avoided by more discould by the avoided by more discould by the avoided by more discould be avoided by more discould by the avoided by more discould be avoided by more discould be avoided by the avoide cussion or conciliation. Perce in industry was more

important and more urgent than a further period of pay restraint, Mr Jones told an invited audience at Cloth-workers' Hall, London. The lecture was televised on BBC 1. He saw the Advisory. Conciliation and Arbitration Serciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas) as the answer to many difficulties, but said that it was bogged down with work. Mr Jones deplored physical attacks on the police or anyone else, and said "the sort of incident that took place outside the Grunwick factory should be avoided at all Cost".

avoided at all cost.

The Scarman inquiry into
Grunwick had not been accepted, and deadlock continued. That type of approach did more harm to the economy and good relations in industry than the actions of the most militant

It was not too late for Scar-

It was not too late for Scarman to be accepted. Acceptance of such awards were postive contributions to industrial progress. The negative attitude was industrial sabotage.

The argument was clear. If strikes were to be avoided industrial justice must be made available easily and speedily. There was no use condemning a strike unless one pur something in its place, something that would allow the grievance to be ventilated and the case to be properly presented.

People wanted the unions to

presented.

People wanted the unions to return to normal negotiation for new settlements. People must be persuaded to get round the table over industrial difficulties. The idea must be developed of the talk-in, rather than the walk-out.

"But if the unions are to play their near in this they need

their part in this, they need to be able to negotiate freely. view on earnings. No one understands better. But the Government would do better to urge both sides of industry to get together to raise productions. tion levels and increase efficiency and investment."

Mr Jones said that too often ordinary people were the victims when trade unions tried to force a result from employers or the Government. Indifference to the effects on the public would be contrary to good trade union principles. He continued: "I am not suggesting that we abandon the right to strike. That is the essence of our freedom. Eur I believe there is a need to reduce the number of strikes by finding alternative ways to resolve our difference." Industrial democracy would

mean fewer strikes and least to greater understanding about issues like the closed shop.

There is no doubt about it. Power lies with the employer, but with the growth of dis unions there is a more balanced relationship, with give and take on both sides. And that is how it should be."

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2.000 ponds saved

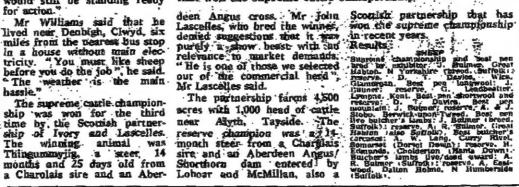
More than two thousand pouds have been saved and

Shepherd is the star of Smithfield Mr Thomas Williams made a war indomas watnams made a rare descent yesterday from the Weish hillside where he has worked for more than thirty years to confront the merciless publicity machine of the Royal Smithfield Show. He survived the circus with such grace that his passage outshone that of the supreme champion beast itself. supreme champion beast itself. It was Mr Williams's fare to be named Shepherd of the Year and win £100 in a contest sponsored by Merck Sharp and Dohme, a leading supplier of human and animal medicines. Mr Williams, aged 60, who had never visited London before, was said by the judges to embody "all the finest qualities of the traditional hall shepherd". Professor Gordon Dickson. Professor Gordon Dickson, Professor of Agriculture at Newcastle upon Tyne and chair-man of the judges, said: "He is very reticent until you get him on to sheep. He sees it almost as a vicar does his parish."

Mr Thomas Williams, Shepherd of the Year, with Thingummyjig, the 14-month-old steer that won the supreme cattle championship.

"He is one of those we selected our of the commercial head".

The supreme cattle championship was won for the third
time by the Scottish partnership of Ivory and Lescelles.
The winning animal was
Thingummyig, a steet, 14
months and 25 days old from
Champion dam entered by



Charlenge Cub.

Scottish forms and crosses from the Charvalle boof brock, which was uninown in Britain before 1960, again predominated as Carle Ludged Rive. T. Book. Millingian, York. with a 17-month silver from a Charolais fire and Abgreen Angus Friosian dam: reserve. H. Conner. Mallon. with an 182-month sloer from a Charolais cross sire and Charolais. Tassian dem.

Soames backing for farmers over EEC policy on prices

By Hugh Clayton

The operation of EEC policy for agricultural price s in British farmers, Sir Christopher Soames said last night. Without mentioning the British Government, he strongly criticized its use of the "green pound".

Without mentioning the British Community farm prices are expressed in sterling, to hold down shop prices of food.

"It is right that the consume Conservative Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, was speaking at the annual dinner of the Rarme rs Club in the consumer's interest or the London. But that was not why national interest that the production of surpluses that had to be sold cheaply outside wanted timer of the Rarme rs Club in London. But that was not why national interest that the production of surpluses that had to be sold cheaply outside was speaking at the annual finer of the Rarme rs Club in London. But that was not why national interest that the production of surpluses that had to be sold cheaply outside was speaking in farmers."

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such remoteness as to fulfil an urban publicity man's dream. The sponsors discovered that he used to step out of his coat in winter and leave it standing frozen solid on the kitchen floor. "When Tom came down the following morning the coat

the following morning the coat would still be standing ready

"The weather is the main hassle."

many more recisimed by the Save the Village Pond campaign,

organized by the British Water-fowl Association and sponsored by Ford of Britain.

dant's daughters frequently saw the father hitting and kicking his son. At the end of October, 1975, dispute in sight By Kenneth Gosling

The basis of a semlement has been reached in the pay dispute between the BBC and the Association of Broadcasting and Allied Staffs. The union's executive will consider it on Friday. Mr Ian Trethowan, Director-

General of the BBC, said yesterday that it had been agreed that serious negociations should take place soon on a new pay structure.

The BBC made a 10 per cent offer to all its staff in October and Mr Trethowan said it had been made clear to the 2550cta-tion, which has taken protest action, that that limit could not be exceeded.

He said the BBC's grading system was too complicated. "We need to simplify it and ger back to a single, general structure."

The 10 per cent has already been paid. Small improvements have been made in special payments for Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Mr Trethowen repeated the BBC's view that next year's increase in the licence fee will have to be substantial and last for more than a year.

£1m appeal to be launched for Exeter Cathedral

From Our Correspondent

An appeal is to be launched next October to raise £1m for Exeter Cathedral. Mr Peter Gundry, cathedral architect and surveyor, said yesterday that akhough there were no serious foundation or struc-tural difficulties, urgent work was necessary to prevent exter-nal decay of the stonework on the south tower, including the bigh parapet walls on the south and west sides. The medieval sculptures on

the west front, he said, were in mortal danger of becoming formless masse: Lead on the roof had to be relaid at a cost of nearly \$80,000. The south tower is one of

the earliest surviving parts of the cathedral. Work on it began in 1125 and ended in 1205.

Mr Gundry said new techniques, some of which had been used recently at Wells Carhedral, would be employed at Exeter. The cathedral's masons would use the same type of stone as the original builders for resurfacing work.

The Dean of Exeter, the Very Rey Clifford Chapman, said an interdenominational board of trustees would be it would be called the Cathedral Preservation

The cathedral's last big appeal was in 1965, when £298,000 was raised.

Ballet group seeks home

Glasgow

Mr Robin Deff, chairman of the board of directors, said the company had bought premises in West Princes Street, Glasgow, for £35,000. That would

Extradition hearing

mean a saving of £20,000 in rent for the 16 different build-ings in Glasgow it had had to

The company has 42 dancers, who, M. Duf said, "have had to put up with really appalling conditions over the past few years". It was hoped to move into the new building by the end of June. The company had received

promises or cash to the value of £85,000, more than a third of the total sum sought, and the Clydesdale Bank had given £5,000.

Never on Sunday Public houses in the Isle of Man will stay closed on Sundays during the winter months. A bill that would have granted them the same opening hours on Sundays as they enjoy during

MP to launch consumer safety Bill

By Our Consumer Affairs
Correspondent
Mr Neville Trotter, Conservative MP for Tynemouth, who
came seventh in the ballot for
private members' Bills, is to

introduce a consumer safety Bill in the Commons this after stil in the Commons this after-moon. Consumer safety, despite a promise of legislative propo-sals, was not mentioned in the Queen's Speech.

Mr Trotter said yesterday:

"This is long overdue. Legisla-tion is important to every indi-vidual and familie in the

vidual and family in the

country.
Lir John Praser, Minister of State, Prices and Consumer Protection, had proposed reform of the Consumer Protection Act, 1961, to introduce a general statutory duty on manufacturers and suppliers to ensure that their goods are

Mr Fraser said accidents were caused by defects in the products. The Consumer Safety Bill is eagerly supported by the Con-sumers' Association there was a case to answer against Miss McKinney and a fellow American, Keith May, on charges of kidnapping Mr Anderson and imprisoning him in a remote Devon cottage.

The bench also found a case

to answer on a joint charge of possessing chloroform, and on separate charges of possessing imitation revolvers, said by the prosecution to have been used

Woman speaks of her love for missionary

Joyce McKinney, aged 27, a former beauty queen, maintained at Epsom Magistrates' Court, Surrey, yesterday that fear of excommunication from the Mormon church was the reason for the "lies" kirk Anderson, a missionary, had told.

She said Mr Anderson had ruined their future and "eternal progression". She had prayed for a very special boy to come into her life, and that was where Mr Anderson came in.

She added: "I loved Kirk so much I would have skied down Mount Everest in the nude with a carnation up my nose."

The magistrates decided that there was a case to answer against Miss McKinney and a fellow American. Keith May, on a fellow American. Keith May on a fellow American. Keith May, on a fellow American. Keith May on a fellow American. Keith May, on a fellow American fellow American fear of the fellow and added a fellow American fellow American fellow American fellow and for the fellow and added a fellow American fellow and added a fellow American fellow and added a fellow a

Referring to the guns, said to be used in the alleged kidnapping, she said: "I loved hi mso much that if anybody

had tried to shoot him I would have stepped in front of him and stopped the bullet. I would not yet anyone harm a hair of his head."

defence of Miss Mckinney, sub-mitted that there was no case to answer, and said evidence given by Mr Anderson earlier was manifestly unreliable.

Mr Robert Marshall Andrews, for the defence of Mr May, said the Devon operation was seen by his client as "a rescue separate charges of possessing in head."

In head."

Of the alleged incidents in from an oppressive and tyramulation revolvers, said by the prosecution to have been used in the cottage, she said: "How call organization," the Moramod in the kidnapping outside a could an eight-stone girl rape church, and that it was necessary in September. Both legs are as big round as my good and his life.

Radioactivity test in room Union starts recruitment drive among Servicemen

A sealed room, haunted only because sociologists who have by the ghosts of the early taken over the old laboratory atomic scientists, is to be are uneasy at the thought that opened after thirty years because of fears of radioactive may be working near remaining radioactive material.

Mr John Williams and Mr Board Wall will sound the

Ward will spend the Cavendish laborators of bridge, and was used by Lord Rutherford in the 1920s. When he died in 1937 it was locked ontil the war ended, when it was cleaned it was immediately sealed and guarded by an esternal monitoring system.

This weekend the university

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This weekend a radiation something they do not under stand.

A recruitment drive among Defence, to discuss the possithe Armed Forces is being bility of the Government's making a more positive state ment about the future of trade union membership within the Armed Forces field."

Its initial efforts will be directed towards soldiers, salfors and airmen due for demobilization within a year.

The union executive decided

The union's action comes after remarks by Mr Mulley indicating that the Government had no objection in principle to yesterday to sek shop stewards
on the industrial side of the
Clvit Service who often work stewards is in line with a
slongside Servicemen to make agreement allowing skided Servicemen belonging to unions. The executive's request in shop approaches to them. members of the Forces with It also want talks with Mr. only a year to serve to join the Mulle, Secretary of State for union.

Though they cannot see the glittering
Christmas Tree, blind children dance
around it, holding hands and singing.
They have faith that Father Christmas
will bring them another sackful of
wonderful books printed in Braille. LEGACIES, DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS are urgently needed and will be gratefully received by the Secretary.

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From Our Correspondent

Scottish Ballet, which was formed in 1969, launched a public appeal in Glasgow yesterday for £230,000 to create a permanent home for the company. The aim is to concentrate rehearsals, teaching administra-tive and storage facilities under

The hearing of evidence in the extraction case being bringht by the West German Government against Juergen Petersen, a telecommunication engineer accused of holding a boy of four to ransom in Hamthe tourist season was thrown our by the Legislative Council, burg, was set at Bow Street Magistrate's Court yesterday for the Upper House of the island's parliament yesterday.

sealed up for 30 years

It is at the top of the old Peter Cavendish laboratory at Cam-bridge, and was used by Lord

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Public funding urged Unity plea for London's three main music colleges

By Kenneth Gosling
Arts Reporter
A remmittee set up four years ago to consider the training of professional musicians has proposed that the three main col-leges of music in London should become part of the public sec-tor, being maintained by local authorities, or become colleges of London University.

The three are the Royal Academy of Music, the Royal College of Music and Trinity College of Music.

Explaining its reasons, the report, commissioned by Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, says "It is unsatisfactory in principle that the form of state subsidy provided to the most eminent music colleges in the course should be seen in the country should be one of a guarantee against loss racher than a positive programme for the development of musical training and education.

"Instrumental music has been unduly kept out of the mainstream of higher education to its disadvantage. Now that the taxpayer is making a direct subsidy to these colleges as well as giving the indirect subsidy that is obtained from mules." that is obtained from student grants and fees, then it is surely right that instrumental music

right that instrumental music training in London should take its full place in higher education, as in Scotland, Wales and the rest of England."

This recomendation is one of 29, directed, according to the committee's chairman, Lord Vaizey, to more effective expenditure, with more money going to a few schools and colleges and savings made by reducing the number of students at colleges of education.

"We want to make the training of professional musicians

ing of professional musicians more effective and more helpto their audiences", he says. The number of people in posts requiring musical training was more than 36,000 in 1975, the last year quoted by

Music colleges should con-centrate mainly on the training

centrate mainly on the training of intending performers and instrumental teachers, the report says, rather than on those intending to become class music teachers or merely seeking a higher education in music. It recommends a reduction in the number of students entering music colleges, which should offer four-year first-degree courses carrying mandatory student grants. Orchestral playing should get a higher priority, and the ratio of teachers to students should be increased.

Fees for part-time teachers in the London colleges, which are notoriously low, should be linked to full-time salaries for comparable posts elsewhere in higher education.

The committee shares the concern of principals of the London colleges over the low

concern of principals of the London colleges over the low salaries of professors in their colleges and recommends large

Referring to the school-age musician, the report expresses concern at the wide disparities in spending among local education authorities in different parts of the country. It says they should be prepared to support gifted children at specialist music schools. music schools.

The report also notes the needs of the young composer and suggests that the Arts Council should consider giving

more funds for the preparation and playing of new music as soon as the composers emerge from full-time study.

Similarly, 'funds should be provided to enable the opera houses to maintain one or two young conductors in addition to the conductors in the conductors i young conductors in addition to their normal establishment. Training Musicians (Calpuste Gul benkian Foundation, 98 Portland Place, London W1N 4ET, £1.50).

by Tory to defeated challengers

Fresh from her victory over the leaders of her constituency party who mied to oust her as prospective Conservative par-liamentary candidate for Hud-dersfield, East, Mrs Marguerite Wood appealed yesterday for unity.

She asked Mr Lionel Wood, chairman of the constituency association, to withdraw his resignation. She also urged other executive members who said on Monday night that they were resigning to reconsider their positions.

Mrs Wood and Mr Wood have disagreed for some months about the duties of a prospec-tive candidate. In September Mr Wood wrote to her saying that the executive committee was concerned about her apparent lack of activity and a month ago it voted to ask for her resignation.

The executive said she then resigned orally but Mrs Wood denied doing so. When it was amounced that the executive committee was seeking another candidate 24 rank-and-file members signed a motion calling for a special seneral meeting for a special general meeting of the association.

of the association.

At the end of the :21-hour meeting on Monday night the voting was 68 to 42 in favour of Mrs Wood's continuing as candidate. Mr Wood immediately announced his resignation from the association and several other executive committee members who had one mittee members who had op-posed Mrs Wood said they would resign.

Commercial art galleries, 3: Selling to the rich takes showmanship

Fruits of van Gogh's canny Scots flatmate

By Roger Berthoud
All an art dealer really
needs to be in business is an eye, some money, a great deal of knowledge and some con-tacts. Mr Edward Speelman, facts. Mr Edward Speelman, for example, never had a gallery but made a lot of money dealing in Dutch pictures from a couple of rooms three floors up in Piccadilly, before leaving for Switzerland and handing over to his son. He sold only about thirty top class pictures a year.

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a year.

Many dealers have a streak of the showman in them. Gal-leries enable them to indulge that flair and generate their own history and associations

own bistory and associations that can be not unhelpful, especially when dealing with the weakhy.

Reid and Lefevre, of Bruton Sweet, the leading specialists in Impressionists and Post-Impressionists, are a case in point. Their association with the Impressionists goes back to 1886, when Alex Reid, a Glasgow dealer's son, went to Paris, got to know Vincent van Gogh and shared a flat with him.

He met most of the Impressionists, became a champion of their work, and started sending sipnists, became a champion of their work, and started sending it back to Glasgow. Little can he have imagined that in 1975 the gallery he helped to found in 1926 would sell a van Gogh to an unnamed client for more than a million pounds.

Than a milion pounds.

The firm is now in the hands of Gerald and Desmond Corcoran and Mr Martin Summers, son of the Inte steel magnate, Sir Spencer Summers: Since the gallery showed such artists as Cezanne, Gauguin, Seurat, Modigliani, Utrillo and Picasso in the 1930s, many of their



Renoir approval.

finest works have gone into museums, never to return. "Luckily painters like Renoir, Cezanne and Degas were very prolific", Mr Summers says. "We know where all their major pictures in private hands are—most of them are in occurre catalogues—and we have either to get there first or pay more than anyone else when they come on the market." That requires considerable nerve.

"There are three ways of selling: by auction with a reserve; by asking us to buy it; or by giving it to us to sell on commission, a flat rate of 15 per cent. It used to be 10 per cent. but you have to incure cent, but you have to insure, possibly clean and reframe. "Almost 90 per cent is sold

private clients. There are a lot of rich people in the world. There has been a sad decline

in collecting here, but there are signs it is coming back." Clients include Greeks, Swiss and a lot of Americans. Some Japanese are coming back after spending prodigious sums, not always wisely, between 1959 and 1974, when they dropped out (preceded by the Italians, who have staved out).

Mr Summers spends at least four months a year visiting col-lectors abroad. "They want to keep up to date. You establish a rapport, so when he is in a buying mood he might come and see you. He may say:

'What have you got?' You bring our your sin by 12in transparencies, and the client can get a very good idea.

"I can get a picture anywhere in the world in three days."

days. He may want to see it in the house; you send it on approval. The insurance cost is colossal. You have to be pretty sure he is on the way to buy-

sure he is on the way to buying."

Mr Summers estimates that
there are about fifteen big
dealers in Impressionists in the
world, mainly in New York,
Paris and Basle. The chief competition in London is from
Mariborough Fine Art, which
was founded after the Second
World War by two Vienness World War by two Vienness who met during the war in the Royal Pioneer Corps.

They were Mr Harry Fischer, who set up on his own in 1977

who set up on his own in 1972 and died this year, and Mr Frank-Lloyd, now resired and living mainly in Nassau and Paris. Mr David Somerset, heir of the Duke of Beaufort,

is chairman, with Mr Gilbert Lloyd, son of the founder, as managing director.

In the past 15 years Mari-borough has developed associated galleries in New York (where a law suit concerning the estate of the painter, Mark Rothko, led to damages and fines against the gallery, Mr Frank Lloyd and the executors totalling £4,625,000 in 1975), Rome, Zurich, Montreal and Toronto, but has ended links Toronto, but has ended links with the last two after "market changes", Mr Gilbert Lloyd

In 1975 the London gallery, in Albemarle Street, made a loss of £117,000 from a turnover of £829,477 (a big drop from the previous year), according to Companies House records. But Mr Lloyd says that this year has been very good. He thinks they are at present

making more money from Impressionists and Old Masters of the twentieth-century, like Picasso, than from the British "heavyweights" for which they

"neavyweights" for which they are best known: Henry Moore, Francis Bacon, Graham Sutherland, Eduardo Paolozzi, R. B. Kitaj, and so on.

Marlborough is "autofinanced", as Mr Lloyd puts it. Probably 80 per cent of sales go abroad, mainly to private clients, for example Greek or American collectors who have American collectors who buy right across the Impressionist and modern spectrum. But they also sell a lot to museums.

Museums may be slow to make up their collective mind (too slow for some dealers).

"But when a museum has committed itself, it produces the

money. Next: Leading characters

Payments to: county secretary 'not illegal'

The £8,000 lump payment and the £100-a-week inflationproof life pension awarded to Mr Anthony Johnson, aged 42, when he retired fro mhis job as county secretary of Hamshire through ill health, was legal, even though he took an £11,500-a-year job in Wales within a year, it was stated by the district autidot yesterday.

Hampshire County Council had taken no independent medical advice about his health When it became known that Mr Johnson had been appointed head of legal ser-vice: to the Welsh Land Authority in Cardiff, a complaint was made to Mr A. J. Kappler, the district auditor.

Mr Kappler has dismissed the complaint on the grounds the the pension deal was lawful and that Hampshire County Council's decision "was not so-unreasonabl eas to be contrary

Mr Keith Robinson, Hampwith the state of "In dealing publicly with any individual's health and pension particulars the county council has been, and will understandably

comment." Councilior Frederick Emery Walli: leader of the county council, said The decision was a vindication of the council's

reserved and circumspect in its

Minister gives backing to neighbourhood councils

By Christopher Warman ocal Government

Correspondent
Neighbourbood councils could help to prevent the inner-urban difficulties which the main cities were experiencing, Mr Freeson, Minister for Hous-

Mr Freeson, Minister for Housing and Construction, said in London yesterday.

Many of the issues emerging had arisen from the separation of government and local government departments and from their failure to identify with local communities. "We can overcame this by establishing neighbourhood councils to reinforce the democratic principle at grass-roots level."

handbook explaining how to set up neighbourhood councils and how they can influence decision-making at local lavel. It was produced by Mr R. M. Knowles, past chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities' general services

rommittee.

Mr Freeson said much of the present disillusionment with politics came from resentment at the way important decisions were taken by remote national and local government. People could not identify with those bodies and felt powerless to

Women who

defied court

order fined £150 From Our Correspondent Edinburgh

Sheriff Nigel Thomson fined eight women from Danube Street, Edinburgh, £150 each at Edinburgh Sheriff Court resterday, for continuing to use

a house for prostitution in defiance of a court order.

He told Isabel Duncan,
Audrey Graham, Hazel Williamson, Catherine Haigh,
Sharon Townsend, Jean Thomson, Patricia Taylor and Anne
Schofield that they could be
lined up to £1,000 each.

Earlier he had told Mr Roger

Askham solicitor for the defence, that fines were norm-

ally related to capacity to pay. He added: "All I know about these ladies' capacity to pay is that the charge for sexual inter-course is £10 minimum a time.

I have heard of 26 calls at the house over a period of five hours but I do not know how many girls, were there. What

overheads there may be in working out a net figure is a matter of speculation and there

is nothing definitely known about any profits."

Mr Askham said the women

had assured him that because

of the court proceedings they liad little income.

Mr Vincent Belmonte, solici-

tor for Mrs Violet Eager, a

daughter of the late Mrs Dora Noyce, who ran the house as a brothel for 40 years Will N

death in July, asked it's sheriff to deal with the women severely. A custodial intence might be appropriate.

Mrs Eager had be & granted

interim interdict to stop the

house being used for the pur-poses of habitual prostitution.

Mr Belmonte said he had received further affidavits from neighbours alleging further affidavits from neighbours alleging further and the court

Ban on Icelandic

Falks that could lead to a lifting of the ban on Icelandic fish landings at British ports began yesterday near Selby. North Yorkshire.

Pressure on Hull and Grimsby

boats may end

from elsewhere diminish.

. breaches of the court

hood councils, the equivalent of parish councils in an urban setting, could help to rectify the situation.

In a a foreword to the hand-book Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, em-phasized the need for neighphasized the need for neigh-bourhood councils to establish good working arrangements with local authorities. Neigh-bourhood councils are a form of grass-roots democratic rep-resentation at a truly local level. It is essential that they are complementary to and not rivels with democratic local authorities."

There are about 50 neigh-

There are about 50 neighbourhood councils in England at present, some of which receive grants from local autho-ricies, but most of the money needed to run them is raised within the community itself. The bandbook describes a neighbourhood council, which should ideally be an identifiable community of between 5,000 and 10,000 people as its "eyes and ears". It differs The bandbook descri "eyes and ears". It differs from other local organizations belause it represents all the people in one neighbourhood, not a sectional interest.

A Voice for Your Neighbourhood (Stationery Office, 50p).

Special meeting

on suspended

From Our Correspondent

that examined

chief constable.

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chief constable

A meeting of Lancashire Police Committee will be held

on December 20 to consider the

recommendations of a tribunal

charges against Mr Stanley

Parr, the county's suspended

After a private session of the

committee yesterday, Mr Frank

Lofthouse, the chairman, said

that he had received a copy of

the report and recommendations

prepared by Mr Patrick Bennett,

QC, the chairman of the

For security reasons it was

agreed that the report should be

made available to the other 29

members of the committee only

Mr Lofthouse said: "Th

tribunal's report and the police committee's decision on it will

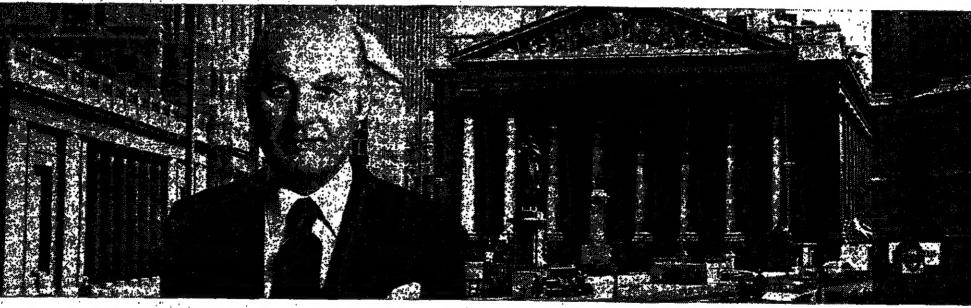
then be sent to the Home Secretary." Mr Parr faces 37

disciplinary charges.

on the day of the meeting.

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Air Wales takes off to build

up new business

Air Wales took to the skies yesterday as one of the world's smallest pational airlines but with big plans for expansion. A nine-seater Piper Chieftain aircraft made the inaugural flight from Rhoose airport, near Cardiff, to Hawarden, near Chester, with five passengers who paid £16.50 for the single

Air Wales does not expect to make a profit for at least a year and will receive a £3,000 subsidy from Clwyd County Council to offset losses. The council want to promote the service to attract new business to an area badly affected by unemployment.

The £200,000 Piper will provide a twice daily North-South Wales link. The service is being extended to Brest and Cher-Pressure on Huil and Grimsby bourg, and later to Brussels from Cardiff with two Brazibous is increasing as catches lian planes, and possibly on a Swansea to Gatwick route.



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Third day of protest rioting in Malaga

From Our Correspondent Madrid, Dec 6

and riot police clashed in Malaga for the third day running today during a one day strike staged in protest against the shooting of a young Communist worker by the police during Sunday's Andalucian home rule demonstration.

Police fired volley after vol-ley of smoke and tear gas bombs, as well as rubber bullets, to disperse the demonstra-tors, particularly in the old quarter of the city.

quarter of the city.

Last night, after the shot worker's funeral, the head-quarters of the extreme right-wing movement Fuerza Nueva were burnt down and the residence of the civil governor and the police barracks were attacked by several thousand stone-throwing demonstrators. Two policemen were seriously injured.

Neither of Malaga's two newspapers appeared today and most shops and bars were closed. Public transport was at a standatill and rubbish had not been collected from streets for

two days.

Many balconies and windows Many balconies and windows were adorned with the green and white striped flag of Andulucia, with a black bow in the middle as a sign of mourning for the dead Communist. The Cortes will study the causes of the violence in Malaga, the worst since the Civil War, at its next plenary session.

civil war, at its next plenary session.

This evening, the Madrid newspaper Diario 16 appeared with the sensational headline "Arde Malaga" (Malaga burns), reminding those Spaniards old enough to remember the burning of the city during the Civil War in 1936.

Other newspapers have

Other newspapers have pointed our that Andalucia now has its first martyr for

now has its first martyr for the cause of autonomy.

In other parts of Amdalucia, there were work stoppages

A plastic bag containing over 60lb of explosives was found this morning in the lav-atory of a small Civil Guards barracks outside San Sebastian.
The explosives were timed to
go off five minutes after they
were discovered.

They were not on their guard, those peaceful workers and gay, confident children.

They were Argentinians, parents of ours, deer people who knew nothing of war, and yet, they too lost their lives, that inclineable Right of Man which terrorism had not respected.

They were the innocent victims of the deadly machine gun or the underhanded bomb. Real victims, made up of body and

blood and who today have departed or who will forever re-

Pain and despair do not push us towards revenge. Contrary

to the killers themselves, we do not call on the international organizations. We are entirely confident in the justice of our

country, so unjustly attacked by rumours and false witnesses.

11-11-73 José Ignacio Rucci. General Secretary of the Workers

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Santa's £25,000 haul

Oetwil am See, Switzerland, Dec 6.—It seemed like early Christmas when a beaming Santa Claus strolled into a bank ing presents to the staff he drew a pistol and made off with 100,000 Swiss francs (£25,000).



President Giscard d'Estaing of France makes a point to Mr Callaghan before the start of yesterday's European Community summit meeting in Brussels.

Soares plea for end to time-wasting

From Our Correspondent

Lisbon, Dec 6 Dr Soares, the Portuguese Prime Minister, today asked Parliament for a vote of con-fidence in his minority Socialist Party Government, saying that the country's economic crisis was so grave that "we cannot waste time on political prob-

weeks of intensive negotiations with opposition parties failed to produce agreement on national austerity plan.

Speaking at the start of a maration two-day debate, Dr Soares said he was asking the Assembly to decide on two things: should the Government he leads remain in power; and did Parliament accept in principle the present negociations with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and its demand that Portgual's behave of payments deficit be reduced by a third.

At present, the outcome of the vote appears uncertain.

The vote is expected late to-

Nato chief urges aid for Turkey

Brussels, Dec 6
Nato defence ministers were warned in Brussels today of an urgent need to give military assistance end aid to Turkey and Portugal on the alliance's troubled southern flank.

The warning from Conserva

The warning from General H. F. Zeiner Guodersen, the Norwegian chairman of Nato's military committee, was clearly if indirectly aimed at the United states Congress which remains refluctant to endorse a \$1,000m (£555m) defence agreement with Turkey as a result of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus three years ago.

The gap in conventional capabilities between Nato and the Warsaw Pact continued to widen, he said, and shortcom-ings on the northern and south-ern flanks were of particular

concern.

Some of the allies needed help, particularly in modern equipment if they were to play their full part in Western defence. "If it is not provided the allience as a whole will suffer." If Nato failed to fill its strategic voids, somebody else would do so.

In a review of the military balance for Nato's defence plan-ning committee General Gunder-

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LA DIGNIDAD HUMANA

THESE ARE ONLY A FEW NAMES AMONG THE HUNDREDS OF CIVILIAN AND INNOCENT

VICTIMS OF TERRORISM

sen said that a "serious numeri-cal shortfall" in ships was the main concern of Western naval

chiefs.

Despite improvements in the allied forces, they were failing to keep pace with the airborne, surface and sub-surface threat posed by the Warsaw Pact.

As for the balance of forces on land and in the air, there was a trend in the Warsaw Pact towards numerical stabi-

lity. It was the pact's pro-gramme of qualitative improve-ments which was worrying the The present gap in conven-tional forces was largely attri-butable to altro's effocation of "insufficient resources" to de-

Pact towards numerical stabi-

fence.

The target of a 3 per cent increase in spending which was established at the alliance's summit meeting in London last May was a promising step forward. But it would not be enough in itself.

Asked at a press conference about his opinion on possible Nato deployment of the controvessial neutron bomb, General Gundersen said that it was a frightening weapon—as are all weapons."

all weapons.

It offered military advantages by helping to counteract the disparity between Nato and the

Until now, overwhelmed by somow, we have not reacted; we took retuge in Silence. But in front of the dangers brought by those who preach in favour of terrorism, we think that the time has come to tell the world of our suffering and the real

Truth so that similar incidents will not reoccur.
We are the fervent protectors of the Rights of Man which belong

to All but which are also irrefutably part of the Duties that each individual holds towards Mankind. Terrorists neither per-

form the Duties of Man nor respect his Rights.
The development of terrorism at world scale should encourage

the leaders of every country to mediate. Therefore a strong alliance of all those who want PEACE is necessary.

May the sufferings of the Argentinian people serve to draw the attention of all the people in the world.

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Pedro Sabao, Member of JSP (Rosario)

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FEDERICO VOLPI

Secretary -

Warsaw Pact in armoured vehicles. But whether the West should have it was very much a decision for the politicians.

The final examination of how countries are meeting the 3 per cent target is not expected until the next summit in Weshington in six mouths. So far only four members have outlined their

Britain's own progress should be better gauged after the forth-coming public expenditure survey. But British officials say that substantial progress has been made towards achieving some of the shorter-term measures with which Britain was also charged at the summit.

The measures which all-allied countries were asked to promote were in anti-armour equipment the build-up of war reserve and the speedy rein-forcement of peacetime armies.

The British, the Americans and the West Germans are put-ting pressure on the Durch to station another brigade of troops in West Germany. Although the Netherlands, like Britain, contributes one corps to Nato's Northern Army

Group, only one brigade is stationed in the ground near to Greek-Turkish meeting, page 8

UN staff's token strike m Geneva From Our Correspondent

Geneva, Dec 6 The 3,00 staff at the United Nations Palais des Nations have been asked b ynheir unions m

observe a one-day token strike tomorrow. The surke will coin-cide with discussions on the Geneva pay situation in the fifth committee of the General Assembly in New York The staff committee says the strike is to draw public exten-tion to the fact that the decision of Dr Kurt Waldheim, the Secre-

tary-General, to apply a pay freeze as from January 1 is a clear violation of a collective bargaining agreement reached last year after a one-week strike. Pickets wil be out but anyone

who wants to work will be able to do so. The United Nations administration has warned strikers they will lose a day's pay. Essential services will be maintained.

The last attempt at popular

The last attempt at popular involvement in price control goes back to the summer of 1973, when the Prime Minister was Signor Mariano Rumor. It might as well have been the Emperor Diocletian who in AD 301 published an edict specifying maximum prices to try to control the cost of living in an empire facing decadence.

His Edictum de maximis prettis did not have much success.

Italy repeats

Diocletian's

price curbs

Whatever happened to the

Covernment's war on rising

cheating grocer tried to make

It all comes back after yes-

certary's announcement by the national fruit and vegetable wholesalers' association—in tones of some eleme—that they

tones of some electro-mar way are already having to pay 150 to 200 per cent more to the producers than this time last year. If nothing were done, the heights of the absurd would have been reached by Christmas, they said.

They want the old structure of wholesale markets abolished and replaced with something new which would allow political authorities, producers and shopkenpers to acrive at fair prices "after an open and democratic dialogue".

more than the law allowed.

failure

Rome, Dec 6

From Peter Nichols

tils did not have much succes But this did not deter Signor Rumor's Government from doing the same 1,672 years later and drawing up a list of prices, province by province, which had to be displayed in those so that continues could shops so that customers could check that they were not being overcharged.

The effect was to raise prices in small towns and villages to the level sanctioned by the prefects who sit in the provincial capitals. The real difference between

Signor Rumor and the emperor, however, was that his Government devised the unveiled of issuing a telephone number which customers could use to report excessive prices.

"Phone the Government " was the classes." the sloger.

Italians are born users of the telephone. They will telephone many times before thinking of writing a letter. But the campaign did not work out as it should have done.

cut as it should have done.

Customers conceimes consuined the lists of prices but
furtively, a if ashamed of
being seen worrying about a
few pence. Housewives showed
a dissurbing tendency of preferring to pay more than asking for the weight of a purchase to be checked.

coverament received since shop-keepers were distanced with fines. There were even reports of bekers taken manacled to prison in the first enthusia prison in the first embusiasm.

But, in the words of an official today, 'the ide a was not really much appreciated". He added: "It might have fared better in England."

In Rome the number offered with such publicity to the public is forgotten. The telephone company suggests trying a

company suggests trying a number which belongs to the offices of the interministerial committee on prices. There, a woman refers callers to anothly number which turns out to be

number which turns out to be the Chamber of Commerce.

Rather more respect is shown in Milan. The telephone number originally at the disposal of disgrunded customers has been promoted to that for the preferect's offices for the whole province. As for the manacled bakers, they are as much a thing of the past as the Emperor Diocletian.

M Chirac challenges state in attempt to cut Paris rates

city's ratepayers. In presenting his budget for the next year, he has sought to prove that the capital is paying much more than its fair share and is asking for more state help.

The two main areas in which
he wants more aid are finan-

cing the police and subsidizing the transport system.

At present the city must pay 292m francs (£33.5m) annually to support the force, or about 126 francs (£14.50) a citizen. In contrast the police charge for other large towns, like Marseilles and Lyons, is fixed at 3.30 francs (36p) a head.

On the transport subsidy, M Chirac argues that Paris should not have to pay any increase greater than the 6 per cent allowed by the Government as

allowed by the Government as an increase in fares.

The mayor's attitude has provoked a strong reaction from M Lucien Lanier, the Prefect of Paris. He has given warning that if need be the state will use the law to secure its rights as it has secure its rights as it has already done in the past with other "rebel" municipalities. M Chirac is unlikely to be moved. In standing for Mayor of Paris against President Gis-card d'Estaing's nominee, he had a double ambition. The first was to turn the capital into a model of Gaullist management, proving to France that it was the ode policy that really worked. The second was to provide a strong

bassion against any Government of the left.
To achieve this double ambi-

From Ian Murray

Paris, Dec 6

As the new Mayor of Paris, and in choosing the financial M Jacques Chirac might be expected to want to present a the bulk of Parisian opinion on new and popular image to the his side.

At the same time he is los-ing support on the left by his refusal to negotiate with the 800 or so sewermen of Paris on their pay claim. They have been on strike since October 20, when negotiations broke down. Despite repeated attempts, they have been unable to reach any form of com-promise to end what has already become one of the longest total strikes in the city's history.

Their main job is to keep the city's 1,300 miles of sewers unclogged and free from rats. The sewers were designed and built in the last century and have been little altered since. They work so efficiently that although the strike has been going on for 48 days, only now are there any signs that some pipes are beginning to silt up.

The sewermen are claiming an increase from their present 2,400 francs a month (£63 a week) basic, plus the right to two consecutive days leave and the creation of a joint hygiene committee to watch over the system.

Last year there were eight deaths from industrial acci-dents in Paris sewers and 30,000 days work lost. In the past 10 years four men have died from rat-carried diseases

and 11 from cancer.
With M Chirac determining

OVERSEAS____

Mr Carter accuses Russia of continued human rights abuses

From David Cross Washington, Dec 6

President Carter has accused the Soviet Union and East European countries of failing to lve up to the Helsinki agreement by continuing to violate

There was one; people vaguely remember it and recall a promising official campaign by which citizens would be informed of the prices they could properly be charged for foodstaffs, and given a telephone number to ried to make human rights. In a report to Congress pub-lished this week, Mr Carter said that claims of compliance said that claims of compliance by the Soviet Union and its allies were contradicted by the reality of Eastern socie-ties and by specific incidents. like the persecution of peopl trying to encourage their Gov-eruments to Implement the promises made in the Helsinki conference two years ago.

The Presiden tis required to report to a congressional com-mission every six months about the way in which the Helsinki pact is being implemented by the 35 signatories. The latest report lists what Mr Carter cashs "a representative sam-pling" of human rights infr-ingements by East European sovernments.

ompliance with the Helsinki pact have been sentenced recently to labour camps for periods of seven and 10 years

respectively. In Chechoslovakia, Carter says, the authorities continue to try to silence members of the Charter 77 human rights movement. They like their Russian counter-parts, are seeking conformity with various international agreements, including the Helsinke pact.

Other abuses include the imprisonment of several thousand East Germans for trying to leave the country without permission, religious persecution in most East European countries and the use of psychietric hospitals to suppress political dissent in the Soviet

the 35 signatories. The latest report lists what Mr Carter cashs "a representative sampling" of human rights infringements by East European governments.

He says tast several prominent dissidents named in earlier reports, including Mr Anatoly Shcharensky, Mr Alexander Ginsburg and Dr Huri Orlow, remain in detention and may be put on trial, although the charges against them remain unknown.

Moreover, two Ukgrainian Union.

be dealt with severely and properly.

Mr Dessi announced the appointment of a high-level committee, including Rome Ministry intelligence experts, to investigate the blast.

The chairmen of the Atomic Energy Commission, heading a technical team, has gone to Barode to make an on-the-spot study. The Prime Minister said that till the examination is over, "it is difficult to give an idea

"it is difficult to give an idea about the extent of damage, the time that the repairs will take and what it will cost."

Sabotage check after atom plant blast act on mere suspicion. At the same time he did not want to rule out any possibility. Anybody found to be involved in causing the explosion would be dealt with severely and

From Kuldip Nayar

Delhi, Dec 6 Mr Deszi, the Indian Prime Minister, amounced today that intelligence officers would join in the official investigation into Saturday's explosion at a heavy water plant vital to the country's stomic energy programme.

atomic energy programme.

He was speaking in Parliament after members of both Houses had voiced their suspicion that the blast at the Atomic Energy Commission plant at Beroda in Gujarat had been caused by sabotage.

While some members alleged that the Ananda Marg, an extremist group blamed for recent attacks in India and abroad, might be behind the explosion, others suspected the hand of foreign agencies, which they said would like to block India's atomic energy programme. stomic energy programme.

Mr Desai said he shared the MP's concern but made it plain that the Government would not

The government is siready perurbed over a series of train accidents involving derailments which have clearly been caused by sabotage. Government agen-cies have been unable to trace

Whale kill quota | Korchnoi and ignores plea by

conservationists sion today set next year's total sperm whale catch quots in the North Pacific at 6,444, ignoring conservationists recommendation to cut the figure drastic-

ally.

The vote was seen as a victory for Japan and the Soviet Union, which account for about 75 per cent of the world's total

75 per cent of the world's total wheling activities.
Last June, a commission meeting in Cauberra decided to cut next year's kill quota from 7,200 this year to just 763. The new quota includes 5,105 males and 1,3399 females, the statement exid. ment said. .

The commission which opened a special two-day session here today, also set a four month closed season between March and June for catching male sperm whales over 45ft in length below a latitude of 40° N in an effort to help breeding. -Reuter.

Spassky draw sixth game

Tokyo, Dec 6.—The 17-nation Belgrade, Dec 6.—Boris International Wheling Commission today set next year's total today drew the sixth game of sperm whale catch quota in the their final candidates' match to decide a challenger to Anatoly Karpov, the world chess cham-

Korchaoi now leads by 4 points to 2 in the 20-game match. The seventh game will be played Wednesday.

Spassky, playing White, and Korchnoi adjourned the sixth game on Monday evening after 40 moves of a French defence. Today, after 15 minutes and four moves each, Spassky pro-posed the draw and Korchnoi agreed.—UPI.

Tashkent earthquake Moscow, Dec 6.—A strong sarthquake rocked Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan, in Soviet Central Asia, today. Tass said it caused no casualties or damage.—UPI,

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Bitter attack on Dr Owen by President Kaunda

selves", he seid.

"We believe we have made our case. We now say we have withdrawn from the debate. Let the Anglo-American plans go shead. But let it be known that in the event of any mishap we will not be held accountable", Dr Kaunda declared. Kaunda declared

Dr Kaunda said he respected Mr Callaghan. "I think he's about the best prime minister you've bad for some time. But that minister of his worries me", he added. "After what Dr Owen has

said, my only reading of the situation now leads me to conclude that the Anglo-American initiative came when the black man was beginning to succeed in conquering the white men and be (the white man) had to be protected", Dr Kaunda added.—Reuter. Washington: The Anglo-American plan for majority rule in

Rhodesia "remains on the table and active", despite a compet-ing proposal by Mr Ian Smith, Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, said today. The Smith plan may be a step in the right direction, but it

does not apparently provide for the kind of open elections that all parties will find fair", Mr Vance told a news conference.

cern The immediate cause of his to clamp down on town hall expenditure the sewer rats of Paris—the bonus for killing them is 250 francs (25p)—could soon be on the increase.

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Astronga it was felt in London yesterday that President Kaunda might have had an incomplete version of these re-marks, Zambian policy on Rhodesia has been somewhat confusing to follow recently. Dr Kaunda has been flirting

with Mr Tiny Rowlands, who arranged his meeting in Lusaka with Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister. According to Rev Kdabaaingi Sithula Sithole, the nationalist leader, who has been having talks at the Foreign Office, there have been at least two other meetings between the Smith regime and the Zambiens. At all events, if Dr Kaunda's aim was to persuade Mr Smith to readmit Mr Joshua Nkomo, who has always been his own favourite nationalist leader, he seemed to have failed. Mr Nkomo, however, has accepted Dr Owen's invitation to come to London for talks next week, aithough Mr Robert Mugabe, his co-leader of the Parriotic Front, announced in Mapuro

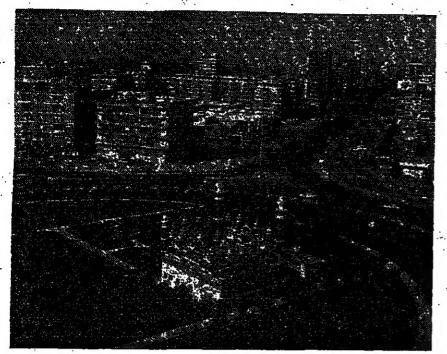
yesterday that he had decided not to come.

Recently President Kaunda changed his policy with the surprising declaration that he was against elections in Rhodesia for a period of years, proposing Bur quite apart from that

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PARTNERS FOR PROGRESS

That, in just three words, is the remarkable story of the success of the United Arab Emirates in just six short years. In that time-less time than it has taken some industrial nations to build a single factory in some cases-seven small and almost totally undeveloped states, each with its own fiercely independent local customs and attitudes, have welded together into a thriving and formidable federal nation-state whose voice is among the most influential and often heard of the Arab Nations. Seven states into one. In just six years. Partners for Progress. It is more than a slogan. It is a triumph, an achievement virtually unparalleled throughout history.



The small Mosque in Abu Dhabi, a vestige of the old capital city, now a landmark in one of the main squares in the capital and a striking contrast with the surrounding buildings.

THE CONSTITUTION

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The UAE is today a country of some 32,280 square miles stretching from the Gulf of Oman on the Indian Ocean in the east, the Straits of Hormuz in the north and the borders with Qatar and Saudi Arabia in the south and west. The total population is estimated at about 660,000 of which Abu Dhabi emirate has some 236,000, Dubai 210.000, Sharjah 89,000, Ras al-Khaimeh 58,000, Fujelrah 27,000, Aiman 22,000, and Umm al-Qaiwein 17,000.

The federal capital and main seat of power is Abu Dhabi. The leading governing body of the UAE is the Supreme Council of Rulers, consisting of the rulers of the seven emissies headed by the Federal President Sheikh Zeyed of Abu Dhabi and Sheikh Rashid of Dubai, the Vice-President. The Supreme Council has responsibility under the 150-clause constitution for general policy on all major matters of state, including foreign affairs, defence, internal security, education, health, immigration, housing and development. Decisions require the approval of at least five members, including the Rulers of both Abu Dhabi and Dubai. President

and Vice-President are elected for five years and may be re-elected, as both Sheikh Zayed and Sheikh Rashid were at the end of last year.

Under the Supreme Council comes the Union Council of Ministers, or cabinet, headed by a Prime Minister. The Council of Ministers has executive authority to initiate union laws and implement them and is collectively responsible to the Supreme Council. The President appoints individual members of the Council on the advice of the Prime

The people's forum is provided by the Federal National Council, or Parliament, consisting of 40 members elected for a two year term from each of the emirates. Abu Dhabi and Dubai are represented by eight members each, Sharjah and Res al-Khaimeh by six, and four each from Fujeirah, Ajman and Umm al-Qaiwain.

The Assembly, elected to the Inter-national Parliamentary Union this October, is entitled to discuss and if necessary propose amendments to federal lows presented by the cabinet, as well as debate any other matters of public interest it cares to.



Dubai Harbour, programmed to become the distribution centre for the entire Gulf

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

In the past six years vast sums of money have been invested in industrial development by the UAE government. The quest for industrialisation is also one for diversification—to widen the country's economic base to a range of industries and thus lessen dependence on crude oil exports as the major source of revenue. At the same time the country's economic planners are aware hat the oil reserves are not inexhaustible and that alternative revenue earners must be established to provide for a smooth transition in the future. The UAE's industrial development programme reflects the international rend of shifting industrial capacity to the developing nations. The range of industries which can be established to take full advantage of the state's crude oil and natural gas reserves are legion. The UAE is not limiting its industrialisation programme to petrochemicals along. New factories will provide a range of commodities including flour, cement, asbestos, tiles, pipes, prefabricated housing units and dairy products. Allocations to the Ministry of Finance and industry for 1977 reached almost Dhs 40 million, while for 1976 it was Dhs 33 million, showing a 20 per cent increase in investment in industry not

based on oil. The Abu Dhabi National Oil Company responsible for the country's oil and oil related industries, which already include two VLCC's, its own drilling company, a chemical mud company. participation in an oil and fertilizer plant in Pakistan, and in Egypt's Sumed oil pipelines.

The first oil refinery at Umm al Nar, near Abu Dhabi, was an important

step in the country's industrialisation programme. With a daily production of 15,000 barrels a day plans are under consideration for trebling this output to meet the whole domestic consumption of the Federation. A second refinery is planned to be operational within three-four years at Jebel Al Dhanna and an initial investment of \$500 million. Once operational this second plant will have an output of 120,000 barrels a day.

A petrochemical plant is to be located nearby, which will also be linked to a new deep-water port to facilitate the export of excess production. Bold new plans are also afoot to develop onshore liquid natural gas facilities to attempt to rival the already existing pleast at Das Island, the first and largest of its kind in the Gulf.

The UAE's first cement plant has been operational since 1976, and is assisting in the ever growing demand from the construction industry for cement. A second cement factory is planned to be operational in 1978.

The demand of the construction industry has also ensured the viability of two plants producing prefabricated housing units at Al Ain.

An asbestos factory has been built at Umm ad Quwain, with an initial pro-duction of 20,000 tons, which is baped to be increased to 40,000 tons within the next few years.

Looking back at the past six years of the UAE's existence certain successfully completed projects stand out : Liquefied gas plant at Maqtaa with a daily output of 28 tonnes; Iron plant at Musefa with a yearly output of 24,000 tonnes; Fertilizer plant at Musafah with a daily outnut of 80 tonnes; Plastic pipes factory at Mastah with output of 2,400 tons of various sizes of pipes; Air-condition assembly plant at Shorjah producing the world.

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The facility will consist of three docks, one of which will be able to handle two 500,000 ton ships at the same time, or indeed, a single one million tonner, when the time comes that such ships are built. Additionally there will be eight berths for repair and maintenance, plus one for tanker cleaning—meeting the viral pollution risks in such busy sea lanes, and which are the nightmare of all countries with coasts on the Gulf. At the start of the operation 4,000 workers will find employment at these docks, while when these docks will operate at full capacity it is evaluated that 12,000 employees will be needed.

The other large scale project is an

The other large scale project is an alluminium smeker, for which the couartumanum smeker, for which the con-tract was signed in April, 1976, and which will need four years to complete at an estimated cost of \$500 million. It is expected to be the higgest of its kind in the world and will initially have an output of 135,000 tonnes a year and will give employment to 12,000 men. A dry gas processing plant is included in the oversel project.

It will be seen that the ambitious industrialisation of the UAE is very soundly based and imaginatively direc-

OIL PRICES

One of the most important factors in the stable growth of the world economy is the price of crude oil. The UAE was as pleased as the other 12 members of OPEC when it became clear to them all that concerned action would lead to a that concerted action would lead to a more economic price for what was for most of them the sole export product. Nevertheless, along with Saudi Arabia, the Federation strongly believes that a balance must be struck between the need for increased revenues by the oil producing states on the one hand, and the danger of increased costs to the oil consuming states on the other. consuming states on the other.

Both the UAE and Saudi Arabia (which Both the UAE and Saudi Arabia (which together account for over a third of the total output of members of the organization), have consistently argued for a gradual increase in the rate of crude oil price rather than one marked by sudden, and possibly punitive, upward leaps. To this end, for the first half of this year, both countries held to a 5 per cent increase on the 1976 price in order to assist the readjustments necessarily forced upon the oil consumnecessarily forced upon the oil consuming countries. However, out of consideration for the will of the majority in OPEC, the UAE and Saudi Arabia agreed to a price rise of 10 per cent.

UAE President Sheikh Zayed said recently: "It is more important for OPEC to adopt a United Stand than raise or lower oil prices. What makes OPEC strong is agreement on policy matters. To preserve their unity, the member countries must cast off their narrow national interests and work for the interests of the Organisation as a whole. In the OPEC context, national interests are transitory, whereas OPEC unity is permanent." However, the Federation is equally firmly of the opinion that the plight of countries out-side OPEC, developing or industrialised, should not be ignored.

Oil production in the UAE has been running at around 600 million barrels a year, or over 1.6 million b/d, split roughly, 15 per cent to Dubai and 85 per cent to Abu Dhabi. Sharjah has started to come onstream with some 40,000 b/d and Ras al-Khaimah could soon be the fourth of the seven Emirates to be an fourth of the seven Emirates to be an oil producer. Production levels increased slightly in the early part of the year reflecting the temporary price differential, but demand worldwide has slackened off from the second half of 1976, so there was no question of the UAE increasing its market share to any significant extent. significant extent.

The position of the Third World countries and the UAE's overall foreign policy have very great bearing on the Federation's oil policy. Obviously domestic revenue needs and worldwide demand are factors in making the price, but above and become that it the conbut above and beyond that is the con-sideration of inflation in the Western economies and the effect this has on both OPEC members and Developing countries. The West must be willing to cooperate in a radical form of its international economy and provide a more equitable balance between the Industrialised and the Developing nations. Unlike most other members of OPEC. the UAB has not gone for outright nationalisation of the oil companies operation within its frontiers. Control over the industry is still exercised, as the Government decides on the price of oil, output averages, the level and destinations of exports, how many wells be drilled, and who will work them. Revenues are secured too. When the price was \$12.86, the Government got all but 22 cents of that after allowing the companies to cover their production companies participate in financing of exploratory work and the wells pro-

The UAE rejects any charge that higher oil prices are unjustified. Surpluses which accrue are not surpluses in the proper sense, claims the Federation, but solely a portion of its earnings which cannot be put to immediate use in development projects. Such funds are there for reserves for deferred investments rather than surpluses.

FIRST UAE NATIONAL HEADS CURRENCY BOARD

"A committee of experts is reviewing the UAE dirham's exchange rate in relation to the US dollar." The dirham has

20,000 units annually; two large scale projects, not directly linked to oil, demonstrate the breadth of vision behind the industrialisation programme of the largest of its kind in the world.

Although the four faculties of Arts, Political Science and Administration, avenues for their exports, and the developing countries are provided with their first academic year in October, the industrialisation programme of the Malik Al-Hamr, the first UAE national to lead the Currency Board, said the dirbam's drawing rights will be evaluated for completion in 1979. This dock will be the largest of its kind in relation to a collection of selected currencies whose value can be found and Science and Administration, developing countries are provided with their first academic year in October, the industrialised countries find new avenues for their exports, and the developing countries are provided with their first academic year in October, the industrialised countries find new avenues for their exports, and the developing countries are provided with their first academic year in October, the industrialised countries find new avenues for their exports and the directly finked to oil, demonstrate the breadth of vision behind the industrialised countries find new avenues for their exports, and the industrialised countries for their exports are provided with their first academic year in October, the industrialised countries are provided with their first academic year in October, the industrialised countries for their exports and the developing countries are provided with their first academic year in October, the industrialised countries find new avenues for their exports and the industrialised countries for their exports and the developing countries are provided with their first academic year in October, the industrialised countries for their exports and the developing countries are provided with their first academic year in October, the industrialised countries for their exports are provided with their first academic year in October, ated in relation to a collection of selected currencies whose value can affect the UAE's foreign trade.

In his first statement since his appointment early this month the Currency Board boss, Abdul Malik Al-Hamr told WAM that a broad financial policy is under study and will hopefully be finalised soon.

That policy should contribute to the economic boom in the country without contributing to inflation or economic stagnation. Al-Hamr denied the existence of economic chaos in the country. He added that there were mistakes which are being corrected so that the Currency Board, which acts as the central state bank, will be able to devise the necessary financial system.

The Currency Board executive described the UAE economy as "very sound", with huge hard currency and gold reserves, effective cooperation between the Board and the Planning Ministry and efficient administrative organisation in the State. Al-Hamr said the UAE Central Bank will soon be opened after the legislative arrangements have been finalised.

FOREIGN POLICY

The UAE remains intensely true to its original policy on non-alignment in internacional politics, while actively and enthusiastically pursuing the Arab interest in World Peace.

The present policy of the Government was strongly put in a government policy speech on October 4th, 1977, by HE Ahmad Khalifa Al-Suweidi, the UAE Minister of Foreign Affairs, to the General Assembly of the UN. In this speech be outlined the UAE's philosophy on international politics, human rights, non alignment, inter-dependence of develalignment, inter-dependence of developed industrial countries and the developing countries and the UAE's support for a new international economic order, based on Justice and more equitable economic relations. Here we give short exerts of His Excellency's speech which cover part of the UAE's foreign policy. Africa and Palestine

"The UAE has followed with deep conrern development in South Africa, Rhodesia and Namibia... We condemn the policy of Apartheid since this policy represents a flagrant denial of the most fundamental human rights and constitutes a clear violation of the Charter of the TIN

⁴ No settlement can be achieved for the peoples of Namibia, Zimbabwe and Pales-tine except by their right of self deter-mination, independence and national sovereignty. The New International Economic Order

"We believe that security in its political as well as its economic aspects is one indivisible whole. There can be no real World Security as long as urgent economic issues remain unresolved. Aiming at the bridging of the gap between the industrial and the developing countries, we folly support the establishment of a New International Economic Order based on Justice and a more equitable economic relation thus ensuring progress in the developing countries and the improvement in the standard of living. improvement in the standard of living. Unfortunately, trade continues to deteriorate to the detriment of the developing countries leading to a rise in their indebtedness, obliging them to allocate a greater proportion of their export earnings to service those debts at the expense of their basic imports from the industrialized countries. At the same time, the prices of primary commodities exported from developing to industrial countries, continues to deteriorate with the resulting aggravation of their Balance of Payment.

"We will continue to support and contribute any international cooperative effort since we have deep faith in the principles of the UN and its fundamental sim of promoting human welfare, and the establishment of an international economic order based on justice and

THE UAE INAUGURATES THEIR FIRST UNIVERSITY IN THE CITY

The first 500 students whose registra-tion was announced last month by Education Minister Abdalla Omran Taryam errived on schedule at Al Aiu this month to start the first academic year of the UAE's new university.

Three hundred of the students atten ing the four faculties are male and 200 are female. Director of Students' Affairs Dr Abdul Robman Hamdan has said that girls have shown special interest in the faculties of education and arts.

The university is studying the possi-bility of admitting foreign students and a decision is expected to be taken on this before the start of the new year. While the Vice-Chancellor of the university, Dr Abdul Aziz Al Bassam, has been meeting with the Minister for discussions on a number of organisational issues, the university's laboratories, libraries and other facilities are now fully furnished and equipped.

A television circuit transmitting lectures both inside and outside the university lecture halfs has been installed and students and teaching staff alike will benefit from the research facilities offered by the university library and its Chief Librarian Abdulla Abbas.

A number of technicians from UNESCO have been on the university campus installing scientific equipment

The opening will be attended by His Highness President Sheikh Zayed, members of the Supreme Council of Rulers, Arab Education Ministers—who will then be holding a conference there—and many educationalists from all over the world.

The Education Minister has announced the appointment of two deans at the university. Dr Ibrahim Ammar, formerly of Cairo University, was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Sciences. Dr Ali Al Yah was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Arts of Arts.

Cairo University's former Dean of Education was appointed Deputy to the Vice-Chancellor and Mohamed Hamad Khalifa has been selected Director of education methods and science laboratories.

Deans of the faculties of education, commerce and political science and heads of various departments are expected to be announced soon.

The Jordanian Government has agreed to second five teachers from the Jordanian University to work in UAE University. The UAE have also contracted 137 employees of both sexes, mostly from the Philippines, for running their boarding sections, playgrounds, agriculture and stores.

UAE GRADUATES ABROAD

Women make up a large percentage—almost 44 per cent—of the total number of UAE graduates who took their degrees from various foreign universities last year. The Ministry of Education has forwarded the files of 51 of the 58 of those graduates to the personnel Depart-ment for suitable placement in the various ministries and departments.

The Ministry has met the expenses of the students while studying abroad. Of the 19 who graduated from Egyptian universities the majority were in commerce subjects while a large percentage of those from Kuwait had taken arts subjects. These were also five who staddjects. There were also five who graduated from Baghdad and five from the United States. One female student graduated in Sharia science from Qatar.

All the college graduates who passed in 1977 were asked by the State Ministry for Cabinet Affairs to report to the Civil Service Department both in Abu Dhubi and Dubai to fill out job applications. The request came efter the cabinet's decision to place graduates in various government departments.



His Highness Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nanyan, President of the United Arab Emurates.

OVERSEAS AID

As it has the highest per capita income of any country in the world, the UAE accepts as a fundamental responsibility of the provision of assistance to countries less fortunate. It also remembers its own reliance on aid in the years before its oil revenues gave it financial self sufficiency. Aid is also a key platform of foreign policy, and the developing countries are seen, in the words of the late Foreign Affairs Sec-retary of State Saif bin Ghobash, as countries with which the UAE has "shared their suffering and whose prob-lems are almost our own."

The Federation is leading the world in aid to developing countries; it has over a third of its gross national product tied up in projects, not just in the non-oil producing Arab States, but also in States in Africa and Asia as well as Islamic countries elsewhere. The key to this programme is coupling the techno-logy of the West with the financial resources of the Middle East. Everybody benefits, because the oil producers find worthwhile outlets for their petrodollars,

The main channel is the Abu Dhabi Fund for Arab Economic Development (ADFAED). It was established three years before the OPEC price increases with an authorised capital of \$120 million, and following the increases, this was more than quadrupled to \$500 million as African States were brought into the aid network. The Fund can both lend money on normal banking lines or participate in projects on normal equity basis or investment banking lines. This flexibility allows development of projects for needy countries which might not have been possible under strictly commercial and normally accepted criteria.

Even with straight loans, the Fund gives the countries concerned a consid-erable advantage. With commercial bank-interest rates running between 12 and 15% a year ago in the major financial centres, the Fund makes loans rather more accessible by softer terms in addition to building in a period of grace in the ratio of four years for a 15 year loan. No less than 16 countries in Africa and Asia last year benefited from such a lending policy. Loans outstanding on this basis can safely be put at over 4 billion UAE Dirhams (£570m) and to date that figure has appreciated consid-

It must not be imagined that the ADFAED bands out money blindly in answer to each and every request. Even the UAE's high income is not enough on its own to solve, to any great exent, the serious problems facing many Third World countries. Therefore each project proposed has to be considered on its own merits, with priority given to those which offer tangible benefits to the local community and the particular country as a whole. This applies equally in either of the roles that the Fund is to take, as an investor or as a ballon with an investor or as a banker with a soft loan or indeed as a partner. ADFAED, loan or indeed as a partner, ADFAED, however, insists that applications for aid should include thoroughly prepared projects and feasibility studies, because, says ADFAED Director Dr Hassan Abbas Zaki, if the country has not got the details worked out for the scheme for which the cash is required, it will have a hard time convincing us of its viability.

Looking at particular countries on their own Egypt for one has had a wide range of industrial projects which have benefited of UAE's financial backing and which are assisting in the recovery of its war devastated economy. Less than two years ago the "Gulf Authority for Egypt" was set up with \$2 billion as a capital base, financed jointly by the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Qatar. On its own the UAE has been involved in direct aid to Every in a Dist. in direct aid to Egypt in a Dhs 40 million Urea plant at Takha and a Dhs 130 million Among other Middle East confrontation states, Syria has had a Dhs 52 million for a despatching centre, financed as part of a power station complex, and Jordan received Dhs 21.5 million for the construction of a dam and Dhs.5 million for the building of a highway, all directly financed courtesy of the ADFAED.

Outside the Middle East area proper, eight African states, including very small and very impoverished ones, were under active consideration last year, with Fund officials visiting them to look at project viability on the spot. Tanzania, Uganda, Burundi and Ruanda were among those coming under scrutiny. Still further affield, ADFAED held meetings with representatives from held meetings with representatives from Sri Lanka, India, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Comores Islands in initial contact preceding the study of aid pro-

Aid to the Third World is also provided indirectly through international organisations and agencies. The UAE is a significant contributor to the World Bank; in 1975 alone over \$50 million were made available. It is also a contributor to the Islamic Development Bank, providing some 15% of its \$1.1 billion capital. It must be pointed our that, like the ADFAED, the Islamic Development Bank does not confine its financing activities exclusively to the Arab

"We will continue in future to provide aid to our brethren with all the limited means available to us as a developing country", said the late Saif bin Ghobash. The Third World has had to undergo economic hardships imposed upon it by the industrialised West, in the view of the UAE, and now that it has it within its power to redress the balance to a certain extent, that is what the Federation is going to do." The Minister continued by saying "it will help alleviate the burden that these countries have to bear as a result of the monetary inflation which the indus-trialised world has exported to them."



Inauguration of Al Ain University, Oct. 1977.



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Angry premier denies Owen claim that Britain could not reprieve Bermuda murderers

From Michael Leapman Hamilton, Dec 6

David Gibbons, the Premier of Bermuda, reacted the reports of Dr Owen's state-engrily today to the Commons ment that he persuaded the statement by Dr Owen in which news media here to publish the Foreign Secretary implied only a selective version in this strongly that the final decision morning's newspapers and news

"This Government had no power whatever to stay the executions," Mr Gibbons said. "I am advised that this is the position in law."

vesterday that Sir Peter Ramshotham, the Governor, had asked Mr Gibbons and his ministers whether a stay of execution should be granted because of the possible reactions to it. The ministers advised that region is the residual to the resi vised " that racial harmony, res-pect for law and order and the security situation would suf-fer more if a stay of execution was granted."

Mr Gibbons does not deny that this was the evidence he and his colleagues gave. What he does dispute, however, is that Dr Owen was obliged to accept it. "He could have granted a reprieve on behalf of the Queen at any time", he said,

Hamilton, Dec 6

British, like nothing better.

titan to pass the time of night

with visiting reporters, who

stroll the empty streets of

Hamilton protected by their curfew passes. Naturally, the reporters ask whether the riot-

ing is likely to be renewed.

The almost unanimous answer is yes. "There is still a tension down there", a sergeant from Lancashire said, pointing towards Court Street, which has been the centre of much of the trouble. "They are still on the boil, but it may not come tonight or even this week. It may come at Christmas or new year, or in a

Christmas or new year, or in a few months, but it will come."

The harder question, which

take cognizance of that."
So angry was the Premier at strongly that the final decision morning's newspapers and news to hang the two convicted bulletins. The Royal Gazette, murderers whose deaths started riots, was taken by the Eermuda Government.

The Royal Gazette, only morning paper, omitted the controversial sections after Mr David White, the

with Mr Gibbous. m advised that this is the and we agreed that they seemed in accurate and it would be best of the start of th

editor, had discussed the matter

This morning one of the radio stations quoted a report from The Daily Telegraph that the final decision on the hangings had been taken in Bermuda. Half an hour later the station announced that in response to a Government request it would not broadcast the item again until the Government had the

chance to respond.

Mr Gibbons said that this decision was also taken after be had talked to the radio station about it. The Government was to release the complete text of the Owen statement to the press here later cocay.

Mrs Lois Browne-Evans, for holidays here since the emergency began last Friday.

Backlog of political and social iniquities swept under

by some in authority, is that the rioters are inspired by about 150 "hard-core trouble-makers" who lead a few

because it is necessarily untrue

but because it implies that the

troublemakers are motivated by no definable grievance and

there is nothing to be done to

This line of thought con cludes that the only way of dealing with the mob is to resort to discipline, to show

them it does not pay to step out of line. This was a factor which made the authorities determined not to give in to

demands to reprieve the two murderers.

Those who hold this view sometimes blame the un u-

liness on the fact that many of

still their protests.

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Tense island fears more rioting

a manicured facade and allowed to fester'

Now that Bermuda is calmer, hundred other youths in their its policemen, most of them wake, raising fires and raising British, like nothing better, hell for the lack of anything than to pass the time of night

"and we would be obliged to leader of the opposition Pro-take cognizance of that." gressive Labour Party, read the report of the statement at ques-tion time in the House from this morning's Parkamentary Report in The Times. She accused the press of "blindly and meekly following the wishes of our Government" in deciding to

suppress key passages.
She added that as a result of Dr Owen's statement about the hanging decision, the Bermuda Government should resign and Sir Peter Ramsbotham should

sir Peter Ramsbotham should return to Washington.

Mr Gibbons and his colleagues are also angry at Dr Owan's remark in response to questions that he would try to persuade them to drop capital punishment. They feel that, under their self-governing constitution, this is not a matter stitution, this is not a matter in which the British Government can properly meddle.

After another quiet night, with only a few scattered petrol bomb incidents, the Government pushed back the curfew by three more bours to start at midnight tonight. The authorities hope it can soon be lifted entirely to boost the sagging tourist trade. Hundreds of Americans have cancelled plans

relations, resentments are not far below the surface. Forma-

lized segregation existed until the early 1960s. Only in 1963

was universal suffrage intro-duced; before that the vote

was restricted to landowners,

At the last election the Progressive Labour Party won 46 per cent of the popular vote As two-chirds of the population is black, the ruling United Bermuda Party, which has black and white ministers, still attracts a significant black water.

wore, More than half the whites, who vote overwhelmingly for the UBP, were born outside Bermuda. This is what rankles

with the blacks, although many of them were also born else-

most of them white.

Vance visit to Syria to 'facilitate

talks' From Patrick Brogan

Washington, Dec 6 Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secre-tary of State, has been invited to visit Damascus next week during his Middle East trip. He will press the case for Presi-dent Sadar's diplomatic initia-tives, and will, in effect, medi-ate between Egypt and Syria. In the past, the Americans have concentrated upon medias-

have concentrated upon mediating between the Araba and Israelis.

United States sources said that Mr Vance had virtually no chance of winning short-term support from Syria for Presi-dent Sadar's initiative.

President Sadat's latest move, breaking diplomatic relations with the hardline Arab states, with the hardline Arab states, including Syria, has once again caught the United States by surprise. For the third time the Egyptian President has acted without consulting the United States first and Mr Vance admitted at a press conference this morning that the American role had changed.

the young men's parents lave where.

There is no doubt, judging from the shouted insults of the demonstrators and the targets they selected, that they are inspired by racial grievances. Yet on the face of it the black people of Bermuda seem to have less to complain about than black people nearly anywhere.

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good sign that President Assad

ton Centre, in the heart of Johannesburg, injuring 19 people. Six days later a blast wrecked a guards' van standing at Verwoerdburg railway

Thatcher praise for Titoist system

An angry Japanese commuter shouts out in protest against a railway workers' go-slow, which badly disrupted traffic into the capital. Later, some commuters stoned trains and station staff.

Mrs Thatcher, the leader of tem of self-management Mrs Thatcher, the leader of the Opposition, concluded hervisit to Yugoslavia today with a two-hour meeting with President Tito, which convinced her, she told a press conference, that the Yugoslav form of communism was more acceptable than any other she had seen.

She was also reassured about Yugoslavia's intention of maintaining its independence and special position in foreign affairs, which, she said, was also in the interest of the west. also in the interest of the west.
Although at first she refused to mention specific subjects she had discussed with the President, at the end of the press conference she said that they had touched upon East-West relations detente, the Belgrade follow-up conference to the Helsinki accords with perticular emphasis on human

rights, the situation in Africa and Yugoslavia's relations with the European Community.

Mrs Thatcher found President Tito very fit and very slert and she said she hoped to attend his hundredth birthday.

She also spoke of her impressions after inspecting a factory near Belgrade and talk-

particular emphasis on human rights, the situation in Africa

viz's independence was important not only to the Yugoslavs but to the West also. Asked if, efter her visit to five other communist countries, she preferred one or other of them, she replied promptly that she would opt for Yugoslavia as there was far

other communist state.

Mrs Thatcher listened yester-

tem of self-management and economy based on social ownership and competition.

The Yugoslav experiment, she said, was a great deal better than anything she had seen in five communist countries, and the idea that enterprises must compete was in, her opinion better than nationalization and state ownership which created monopolies like

created monopolies like those i nBritain.

It was a remarkable system which, although Mrs Thatcher was at pains to emphasize that she preferred private enterprise, was worthy of interest and offered greater possibilities than the standard communications. munist ones.

Like almost all Western poli-

ticians who have visited this country in recent years, Mrs Thatcher stated that Yugoslathat world public opinion will have some beneficial effect on the Soviet block states.

Asked whether the British

about Yugoslav politicians day to the speeches by various delegations at the Beigrade follow-up conference reviewing seconomy based on social the Heisnki agreement. She has been a firm champion of human rights and the visit to the said, was a great deal bether with an opportunity to see whether the West was living up to its ideals or giving in to

Yesterday, she refused to speak to the press about her impressions on how the conference was going. At her press conference today she said that, after listening to yes-terday's speeches, she was haprerday's speeches, she was hap-pier about the conference and more optimistic of the effects it will have in the long term. Human rights, she said, must be kept perpetually alive as an issue and although some-times too much is expected from such conferences she felt that world public opinion will

Asked whether the British delegation was being suffi-ciently specific about the ful-filment of human rights under-takings, she said that some Western delegations were more specific than others but that they were all acting together in putting forward certain pos-titive proposes.

Mrs Bhutto regains newspaper in Karachi

From Our Corresponden Islamabad, Dec 6

In a volte face, the Pakistan martial law regime today decided to concede to Begum Nusrat Bhutto, wife of the deposed Prime Minister, the right to publish the Urdu daily newspaper Museuat in Karachi. Closure of the newspaper had been appropriets by had led to angry protests by journalists, leading to hunger strikes and arrests at Karachi in the last two days.

The Pakistan Federal Union The Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists and the All-Pakistan newspaper Employees Confederation had earlier protested against the Government plan to publish the newspaper trader paymanners. under new management and a new editor. They want all employees of Musawar restored to their jobs.

officials of the two unions began a hunger strike on Saturday to press their demands. Twenty-five hunger strikers, including the presidents of the two unions, were arrested during the past 72 hours.

Penerty from Karachi this

Reports from Karachi this evening said the journalists bunger-strike was continuing until all arrested journalists and press workers had been

Khan Abdul Wali Khan, oresident of the outlawed National Awami Party and National Awami

former leader of the oppositormer leader of the hyposi-tion in the last National Assembly was released on bail today for the first time since his arrest in February, 1975 on the order of Mr Bhutto, then the Prime Minister.

Fourteen others, accused of conspiracy with him, were also released on bail, but 25 others in the case are still detained.

Mr Wall Khan's release, together with that of other senior leaders of the National senior leaders of the National Awami Party, though technically still temporary, should have a big impact on Pakistan's political scene. Despite the limitations imposed on political activity by the martial law regime, they will be able to reestablish their political consecutions.

reestablish their political contacts immediately.

IPI concern: The International Press Institute has cabled General Zia, the Pakistan martiallaw administrator, expressing its concern at the reported arrest of journalists on hunger strike. The cable added: "May we say that the statement by the journalists' union that their action was not intended to give support to ex-Prime to give support to ex-Prime Minister Bhutto or his family

In brief Heyerdahl craft in trouble

Beirm, Der 6.—Mr Thor Heyerdahl, the Norwegian anthropologist and explorer, said in a radio message today that Tigris, his reed replica of an ancient Sumerian vessel, had been rescued by an Arab dhow after headwinds and rough seas drove it into the shallows of an island off Kuwait.

He set out from Qurna, Iraq, on November 23 with a multiracial crew of 10 in an attempt to prove that this type of craft

to prove that this type of craft could have been used for open sea voyages. He said today that the vessel was seaworthy.

Concorde converts

Albany, New York, Dec 6.— Governor Hugh Carey of New York State, who for months fought agains tConcorde landings at Kennedy Airport, announced that his Administration is sending a 16-member trade mission to London on the supersonic aircraft so that it can get to its work "as fast as possible".

Asean precedent

Kuala Lumpur, Dec 6.— Tunku Ahmad Rithaudeen, the Malaysian Foreign Minister, left for an official visit to Cambodia, becoming the first minister from an Association of South Fath Asian Nations of South-East Asian Nations (Asean) state to visit all three Indo-Chinese countries.

Yachtsman's escape Tel Aviv, Dec 6 .- Mr Eric Anderson, aged 42, a Scottish yachtsman, and his son John, aved 12, swam ashore through stormy seas after their sailing boat capsized near here at the end of a voyage from Athens

Mill hostages killed

Delhi, Dec 6.—Striking tex-tile workers killed five people including a production manager and a chief accountant whom they were holding hostage inside a mill at Kanpur in Uttar Pradesh state, according to reports here.

Cardinal's visit ends

Rome, Dec 6.—Cardinal Wyszynski, the Polish Primate, flew home to Warsaw after a which he met the Pope three times to discuss church-state

Egypt expels 270 diplomats of hard-line Arab states

Cairo, Dec 6.—Egypt today gave diplomats from five hard-line Arab states until midnight to leave the country. Riot police cordoned off the embassies of Syria, Iraq. Libya, Algeria and South Yemen. The Syrian Embassy staff was

ployment; indeed, many have more than one job. Prices are high but so are wages, and the 4.5 per cent inflation rate is the envy of many, especially of the nation which bailed Bermuda out of trouble by sending troops.

The simplistic answer, given

Mrs Lois Browne-Evans, the mental botel jobs.

The Progressive the Progressive does not help race relations. Most are British, serving under contract for a few years. Thus when trouble does break out it is a white, foreign policeman who fires tear gas at the black mob.

to leave first, followed shortly afterwards by 60 Algerian officials. A total of 270 diplomats from the five countries left with their possessions.

Egypt also directed its own diplomatic staff in the five countries to return home Diplomatic sources said that

Egypt was considering restricting extra-diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union, such as educational and cultural ties. The Egyptian move appeared

to throw water on the forth-coming visit to the Middle East by Mr Cyrus Vance, the Uni-ted States Secretary of State, to seek Arab support for the peace initiative of President Sadat of Egypt and his call for preliminary peace talks in Cairo.

Mr Butros Ghali, the Egypt-

ian Foreign Minister, told reporters that cespite the dip-lomatic break, the "door is

The American law enforce-

ment authorities are intercept-ing only 6 per cent of the heroin and 13 per cent of the

marijuana estimated to come into the United States from

They have been slightly more effective in controlling

the increasing flow of illegal immigrants, believed to total about 1,800,000 a year. Of

these about a third are caught and sent back.

These are some of the dis-quieting findings disclosed in a

report to Congress just published in Washington by the

From David Cross

Washington, Dec 6

Palestice Liberation Organiz-ation to abandon their planned boycort of the Cairo conference. But he added that he had But he added that he had given up waiting for such a move and that the starting date for the meeting had now been formally set for tomorrow week, in expectation that only Egypt, Israel and officials from the United States and the United Nations would attend.

Egypt's move was officially explained as a reply to a "freeze" in diplomatic ties with Cairo decided at the summit of the bard-line Arab states in Libya.

Western diplomatic sources, however, noted that the hard-liners' decision was a moderation of earlier demands by Libya and other radicals for an out-right cut with Cairo, and suggested that the summit declaration was merely a cata-lyst for a diplomatic strike

already planned by Cairo.
The diplomass said that the
move might have been intended to prod Syria into choosing between a negotiated settle-ment with Israel and the "rejectionist" line.—AP.

The study points out some of the difficulties inherent in controlling traffix along a border 2,000 miles long. Only 40 miles of the south-west frontier are considered difficult enough topographically to deter illegal crossings and there are only present particular to cover

enough patrolmen to cover about 200 miles of border at

Air and sea traffic is even more difficult to monitor. The

authorities believe that there are up to 150 illegal flights a

day ucross the southern border

between California and Florida

and that with so many small boats registered in southern California it is virtually impos-

Surge of illegal immigrants into US

any one time.

The Americans consider it a good sign that President Assad of Syria has agreed to see Mr Vance. There is a feeling that the Syrians are less intransigent than their public statements suggest and, notably, they are more reticent than the other "rejectionist" Arabs.

If Mr Vance can persuade Jordan to enter into the procedure begun by President Sadat, not necessarily by sending a delegation to the Cairo conference, but indirectly at first and then more directly, then Syria would be seriously isolated.

This is presumbaly what President Assad is worried about, and there is some concern here that Mr Sadat is pushing him too hard, too fast.

cern here that Mr Sadat is pushing him too hard, too fast. Given time, it is suggested, he might find a way to return to the fold, bringing the Palestinians behind him.

After some hesitation, the United States has decided it must give President Sadat every support. Last week President Carter spoke out for the Egyptian leader's initiative and now Mr Vance is to travel round the Mr Vance is to travel round the Arab world, putting the Egyp-tian President's case for him.

Moscow, Dec 6.—Mr Philip Habib, American Under-Secre-tary of State left Moscow today tary of State left Moscow today
after two days of talks with
Soviet officials on the Middle
East, reliable sources said. He
met Mr Gromyko, the Soviet
Foreign Minister,
American spokesmen refused
to give any details of the talks,
but Mr Habib was believed to
theye snear most of his time

out our manto was believed to trave spent most of his time with Mr Milcheil Sytenko, head of the Foreign Ministry's Middle East sections.—Reuter

enreralt were inspected in the

During one 36-hour period last spring, nearly 3,000 illegal

inmigrants were apprehended at one border post. But me

authorities, believe that during

the same period an equal number probably passed unde-tected through the same cross-ing point into the United

south-west border area.

this country, more than five legitimate traffic. On a ousy million are probably Mexican day, an inspector has only 30

S African police station bombed

From Our Own Correspondent Johannesburg. Dec 6 For the third time in two weeks a terrorist bomb has exploded in the Johannesburg area. A passing mororist cut by glass was the only casualty in the latest bomb attack. It went off early today at a police

station at Germiston, south of the ciry.

The explosion damaged a store building, broke windows in police married quarters and badly damaged two police vehicles. The bomb is believed to

have been concealed in a shoe polish rin which was in a snoppoints the which was in a stapping bag propped against the wall of the police station storeroom. It was seen by a woman who works at the police barracks 15 minutes before it went off. before it went off.

Residents said the blast was heard three miles away.

On November 24, a bomb exploded in the crowded Carl-

Feelings of hostility face leader of latest 'independent' homeland consolidation. Chief Mangope Few people can have taken

Minabatho, Dec 6
Chief Lucas Mangope, who
was today elected the first
President of the newly "independent" state of Bophuthe-

tribal chiefs and people living in rural areas, he is a Tswanu nationalist who believes that independence is the best way of safeguarding Tswanu interests against white domination and the larger black tribes in South Africa, such as the Zulus. They say he is sincere in his desire to forge an independent and prosperous petion free from prosperous netion free from racial discrimination. To others, particularly those

To others, particularly those who reside permanently outside aboptushersware (they will lose their South African citizenship because of the territory's independence), he is guidey of secrificing the long-term interests of South Africa's 18 million blacks. In particular, he is criticized for going abead with independence without first achieving satisfactory agreements with sahisfactory agreements with South Africa on the thorny issues of citizenship and land

to seek more lend from South Africa and many of his subjects will reserve finel judgment on him until they see whether he succeeds.
Surprisingly, Chief Mangape

says that he sympathizes with those who have called him a sell-out". "I don't blame anybody for being totally opposed to considering even remotely the idea of independence," he said recently. But he argues that only by opting for independence can he successfully develop his country and "Eberate" his people from Africa's oppressive racial policies.

Chief Mangope, who is 53, became Chief Minister of Bophuthatswara in 1953. A former classmate of Mr Oliver Tambo, the external leader of the banned African National Congress (ANC), he was a teacher before going into tribal politics.

Devout, authoritaries and

rather humourless, he hates being criticized and has a strong dislike for the South African press, which has generally been hostile

country amid so much hostility and distrust. A year ago the and distrust. A year ago the Bophuthauswane. Legislative. Assembly in Mafeking was burnt to the ground and among those arrested was one of his sons. Earlier this year he was set upon when he tried to address an election meeting in an urban area. Because of these and other incidents and the and other incidents and the constant threat of assassingtion. extensive security arrangements are taken to protect him wherever he goes.

White minister: Chief Mangupe has announced a Cabinet in-

has announced a Cabinet in-cluding a white minister and appointed another white as adviser. They are Dr J. Kriel, to be Minister of Health and Social Welfare, and Mr Heud-rick van Zyl, appointed agricultural adviser.—AP. No recognition: Britain and Its EEC partners will not recog-nize the independence of Boohuthatswana, the Foreign nize the independence of Bophuthatswana, the Foreign Office said. The territory did not satisfy tests for diplomatic recognition, particularly in regard to its ability to conduct its own foreign and defence policies.

Addis Ababa road to port 'hit by Afar guerrillas'

Nairobi, Dec 6.—Secessionist guerrillas of the Afar minority of eastern Ethiopia have struck at the key supply road between Addis Ababa and the port of Assab, the Somali Mogadishu radio claimed last night.

Ethiopian Army positions at Harawo and Burie, protecting the road, came under attack and lost large quantities of arms and ammunition to guer rillas of the Afar Liberation Front (ALF), the radio said. The front also claimed to have destroyed a military communications post and an ammunition dump at Aisaita, close to the Djibouti border. million are propacy methods accords to determine whether according to the seconds to determine the seconds to determine the seconds to determine whether according to the seconds to determine whether according to the seconds to determine the seconds to

Diplomats in the Ethiopian capital said an ALF sabotage attack on two bridges on the same road last month had ob-liged the Ethiopians to revert to moving goods only in heavily protected slow-moving convoys between Assab and Addis

The Afars, a muslim, pastoral race, are ethnically close to the Somalis. V.'ashington: Somalia, which

recently broke its military fies to the Soviet Union, will again receive Un ited States economic aid to ragricultural and health development plans, State Department officials said today However, Washington will continue to refuse arms to both Somalia and Ethiopia as long as they are fighting the war over the Ogaden region.—
Reuter and UPI.

Our Rome Correspondent writes: Troops of Cechoslovaida, East Germany and other Warsaw Pact countries, ing in Ethiopia as part of the plan organised by the Soviet Union against Somalia, accord-ing to Mr Abdul Rahman Jama Barré, the Somali Foreign Minister, who today ended his

Five Britons who died in hijack crash are named Kuala Lumpur, Dec 6.—Five mains of those killed would not

Britons were among the 100 people killed wher a hijacked Malaysian Airline System (MAS) Boeing 737 airliner crashed on Sunday night, the British High Commission said

British High Commission said bere today.

They were Mr Richard Sherrington, aged 37, head of the courses unit at the British Council; Mr Anthony Organ, employed by the Beecham Group; Mr T. Parr, a businessman, Mr T. Matthews, an accountant, and Mr H. Godfrey.

The aircraft was on an internal flight from Penang to Kuala Lumpur when it crashed on the Johore coast on the Johore coast

The 93 passengers and seven crew may have to be buried in a mass grave because of difficulties in identifying the bodies, blown to pieces when the aircraft exploded in mid-air. announced today that the re- France-Presse."

stead the Government itself would arrange burial.

Association has called off a 24-hour protest strike planned for next Tuesday after the Kuala Lumpur Government promised immediate steps to tighten airport security in Malaysia and invited a MAPA representative to sit on the National Civil Aviation Security Committe. Haps had protested over "lax" security at the eirnerts. Official investigations con-

tinued into the crash roday, but the identity of the hijackers and their motives were still un-known. The aircraft's flight recorder, which might provide some clues has not yet been found.

Early reports that the bijackers were members of the he aircraft exploded in mid-air. Jepanese Red Army ware The Malaysian Government incorrect.—Reuter and Agence

Efforts to save baby fail

New York, Dec 6 .- Mrs Rosemarie Maniscalco, the pregnant Brooklyn housewife who lapsed Comptroller-General under the title "filegal Entry at the United States-Mexico Border."

According to the report, nearly 90 per cent of the heroin and three-quarters of the marijuana reaching the United States come from plants grown in Mexico. Of the eight million illegal immigrants believed to be living in the point of the point of the eight million illegal immigrants believed to be living in the point of the point of the eight million illegal immigrants believed to be living in the point of the point of the eight million illegal immigrants believed to be living in the point of the point of the eight million illegal immigrants believed to be living in the point of the poi into a coma on November 24 after a cranial haemorrhage, died today despite efforts, by doctors to save her and her unborn child.

Doctors had not expected her

to survive but tried vainly to keep her alive on a respirator in the hope of saving the child. She would have had to live at least another month to deliver the baby.—UPI.

Key role for new party in Australia poll

From Our Correspondence showing dissatisfaction with Mr Whitlam said today of the two major parties. These he thought the Australian of the new party, the that the Australian Democrats, he was likely that there would be grounded to the new party. that the Australian voters were added.

becoming disenchanted with Roth he and Mr Fraser, the Senate after this one. becoming disenchanted with the two-party system. They think that the two major parties between them, Labour and Liberal, have not realized their liopes an dexpectations. They are looking for an alternative at least to the extent of the two major think, that the two major attract the preferences of the Mr. Whitlam after a similar supporters of the Australian one by Mr. Fraser yestereing their liopes are dexpectations.

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Increase in mobility allowance: annual uprating to be made

The mobility allowence for the disabled is to be increased to \$10 a mann from next July. Mr David Ennals, Secretary of Stote for Social Services, announced in a statement. Last month the allowance from \$5 to \$7. He also announced that a charitable body to be known as Mombility is to be set up to help the disabled. Mr Ennals said: The Government are convinced that a cash benefit is generally the most appropriate way of helping severely disabled people with their mobility. First, cosh provides flexibility: it allows disabled people to make their town with their mobility. First, cosh provides flexibility: it allows displed sheeple to make their two decisions in ways that fit their individual needs. Second, a cash allowance does not discriminate unfairly against those who are two severely disabled to drive. The mobility allowance is paid to driver and mondrivers alike. It may allowance is paid to driver and mondrivers alike. It has already brought mobility belong to about 60,000 people who would have received no assistance whatever under the old scheme.

I am pleased to be able to inform the House tolky that, win effect from July, 1978, the rate will be 110 a week and will thus have doubled in less than a year. I know that this major boist in help for the disabled will be warmly well comed, not only on both sides of the House, but also by the roughly 100,000 people expected to receive the allowance when fully phasedin.

The Government have also decided that the new and higher

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The Government have also decided that the new and higher level of mobility allowance should, level of mobility allowance snown, in future, be protected against in-flation. There will, therefore, lean annual uprating starting in November, 1979. The allowance will of course continue to be tax-able, which ensures that it gives the most help to those in greatest

need.
No Government can be expected to meet all the mobility needs of the disabled. It is reasonable for the disabled, like other people, to contribute to the cost of their own

have been engaged in discussions with a number of organizations and individuals over recent months. I am pleased to my that these discussions have now loone

fruit.

At our suggestion a group of prominent people drawn from the professions, from finance and industry, from coluntary bodies and from the trade unions, and chaired by Lord Goodman, has now set up a voluntary organization for the United Kingdom, working in collaboration with the Government, to ensure that disabled people, both drivers and passeneers, who want to use their mobility allowance to obtain a vehicle will get maximum value for their money in doing so.

This new charitable hody, to be known as Motability, is announce-

Motability will be an independent organization. Under a council the organization will have an execorive committee headed by Mr Jef-frey Sterling, Motability's vice-

Motability also aims to enable disabled people to have the personal use of a car by means of a leading scheme. Demiled discusclearing banks will make substan-tial loan funds available, and that

do not use

lation had been burnt.

I am told (he said) it takes some

Christmas recess

Lady Liewelyn-Davies, Captain, Centleman-at-Arms, said the Hottse of Lords would rise for the Christmas recess on Thursday, December 15 and return on Tues-

Parliamentary notices

of a volucie.
While Mutbillity has already opened an office, the organization is not yet ready to receive detailed inquiries or applications for help, and disabled people should therefore await a further announcement. ment.
The large increases in mobility allowance last month and next July, together with the formation of the new Mothbility organization. of the new Mounhility organization, mark a major advance in the provision of mobility for the disabled, drivers and non-drivers affice. This is a field in which both the voluntary sector and the Government have a ride. The Government will continue to fulfil their responsibility and I am sure the House will wish to join me in welcoming the initiative of Lord Goodman and his rolleagues and in wishing their venture every success.

stims of Motability?

Can be confirm that we are talking about very his money indeed
and Lord Goodman's statement
speaks of sums up to £100m being
made available by clearing hanks
on very favourable terms?

Will the scheme help disabled
people who may not qualify for
mobility allowance because of age,
but nevertheless need help to provide a vehicle?

When does he expect the scheme to become operative "Is he aware of the great anxieties of the young and newly disabled that they may not be able to have a vehicle? How long will they have to wait? Mr Lanais-it is cieht there should be a parinership between govern-ment and the voluntary sector. Morability is independent and non-

my Jenkin is right that the Government will give assistance and that will be a grant to administrative costs. The only accountability to the Government will be for expenditure of the grants we make. Otherwise they will be responsible only to the general public. It is right that we are dealing with large sums. The clearing hanks have agreed to make up to \$1100m available on terms apprecia-

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fillom available on terms apprecia-bly more favourable than could be procured by any individual dis-abled person.

In its initial stages, Motability will want to concentrate on priority groups and my hope and expectation is that one of the first will be the young people who may not, through circumstances, be able to obtain a three-wheeled vehicle and who would like a vehi-cle.

There would be an early meeting | forces that they wanted trade of the executive of Mombility and unions. Mr John Gilbert, Minister they would make known the of State for Defence, said during Mr Gilbert—We do listen to them.

said that a specially designed four- Mr. Gilbert (Dudky, East, Lab) wheeled rehicle was needed. ind told Mr. Douglas Hoyle (Nel-Mr Ennets—I cannot say that everyone needs a specialist tehicle, but peritage some will. My department and the Department of Transport have prepared a research study. Discussions about the project with the Motor Industry Jeet with the Motor Industry Research Association are at an advanced stage.

advanced stage.

In later replies, Mr Ennals said
the department would pay the
allowance to leasing organizations
as long as beleficiaries agreed. They would put at the disposal of Mountility at least one official from the department and would arrion the department and would assist with ndvice and whatever else they could to help them get off to a good start. Last July be had said they could vicemen. If the trade unions with endorse Mr Mulley's statement on the desirability of trade unions is the desirability of trade unions is the union to take up Mr Mulley's remarks in the desirability of trade unions is more general sense, no doubt representing the armed forces? they will do so.

Mr Gilbert—Mr Molley's precise to the properties of the prop

most sophisticated equipment for their job which at present Hea unused because of strike action? the possibility of training trains in the use of breathing apparatus, Mr. John Gilbert, Minister of State for Defence, said. Senior fire officers, however, advased them that this would be dangerous. unused because of strike action?

Air Gilbert—I totally endorse his first remarks. On a recent visit to a Green Guddess operation in Essex a senior fire officer told me he was so impressed by the taill of the troops that he would be happy for them to go rue misupervised on certain types of fire: a great tribute to them.

Mr William van Straubenzee (Wokingham, C) began the exchanges by asking to what extent the armed forces were being trained to undertake civilian jobs in the event of industrial disputes. Air Gilbert (Dudley, East, Lab)-Art Gilbert (Dudley, East, Lab)—
Apart from the elementary training
which they have recently received
in fire fighting, the armed forces
are receiving no specific training
to undertake civilian jobs in the
event of industrial disputes,
although the mature of Service
training is such as to provide a
number of Servicemen with useful
skills of more general application.

Even before the faremen's strike the Ministry of Defence considered

We considered even before the strike the possibility of training apparatus, but received advice from senior lire officers that this would be dangerous.

First, it would give a man a false sense of confidence in the use of the apparatus, it would take some mue to train a man in the use of it, blive dangerously. If he used it to go into a smoke-filled room, it takes many months of experience before you can tell whether a celling will collapse on you or, in the case of a ladder, whether a factory wall is likely to collapse.

For such reasons, we have delt-Mr van Straubenzee—Is not the professional skill being shown by young Servicemen in the unaccustomed duly of fire fighting most praiseworthy, and will be be prepared to say so, particularly as it involves, to the sadness of the whole House, luss of life? For such reasons, we have deli-berately not used this sort of apparatus when the troops are working. tomed duty of fire fighting most paristeworthy, and will he be prepared to say so, perticularly as it involves, to the sudgess of the whole House, loss of life?

Will ha, as a defence infinites, press refentlessly that these young men should have access to the

Conservative Party would but un-derstand that. Is it not a fact that only in the must exceptional cir-cumstances would troops be used? Mr Gilbert—I agree entirely. These troops are not being employed as station-breakers, but merely to save life and protect property.

Mr Jerry Wiggin (Weston-super-Mare, C)—Will be consider calling out the TAVR and other reserve forces to help the fire-fighting troops, porticularly at weekends? They are already gready stretched and a little bred and the TA would be willing to a man to help out. Mr Gilbert—I pay tribute to the help the TA have already given, particularly in the provision of accommodation and all sorts of recreational opportunities they have made to the groups. At present we do not think we used any more reinforcements. Mr Michael Brotherton (Luth, C) asked if the minister was satisfied with the fire-fighting capabilities of HM forces.

Mr Gilbert—Men of the three Services providing, emergency fire cover, supported by the specialist fire-fighting teams from the Royal Navy, Royal Marines and the RAF, are performing these duties with conspicuous skill and courage and have succeeded in preventing much loss of life and damage to property throughout the country.

They have done all that indeed

more than could reasonably have been expected or asked of them.

I am stage the House will have heard with deep regret of the feath of two young soldiers of the First Royal Irish early today, one a single man and the other marsted with two children, and will wish to join me in expressing deep sympathy to their next of kin and to other members of their families, (Cheera.)

dir Brotherton—May I associate myself with the minister's remarks about the way the Services have conducted themselves in the role of fire fighting and in sympathy with the families of the two killed

When do the Covernment hope to carry out the Government's aim to restore parity of Service pay as quickly as possible? quackly as possible?

All Gilbert—Anyone would be a rash man to make predictions about that, but I am sure the Services will continue to do their duty as long a necessary. As for restoration of componships of Services pay, I have nothing to add to what the Secretary of State has said.

Miss Janet Fookes (Plymouth, Drake, C)—Have the living and working conditions of troops been

Extra Christmas benefits in store for troops on fire-fighting duties Mr Gilbert-I and other ministers Mr Gilbert.—I and other ministers have visited many of the troops' accommodation throughout the country since the strike began. By and large morale is extremely good. There have been cases of substandard accommodation, inevitable in an emergency operation of this sort, but some of the cases reported in the press have been grossly exaggerated.

I spoke to the commanding officer of the "Cockroach Hilton". He was indiguant about the story and said there was not a cockroach in the place. The BBC sent a Nationwide ream who spent an hour trying to find a cockroach and went away unsuccessful.

and went away unsuccessful.

Mr Etic Ogden (Liverpool, West Derby, Lab)—In view of the tragic loss of life in the north-west, menty in the House would think an award for gallantry would be appropriate in the circumstances. (Cheera.)

Sir Iau Gilmour, chief Opposition spokesman on defence (Chesnam and Amersham, C)—Can the minister give an assutance that the troops are no longer living in the conditions in the HAC Armour which Mr Whitelaw,—Deputy Leader of the Opposition, and I saw a fortnight ago?

Mr Gilbert—We have been at pairs to investigate any allegations of substandard accommodation where the troops are complaining about the conditions are complaining about the conditions in the conditions in the HAC Armour and I saw a fortnight ago? and went away unsuccessful.

Mr Gilbert—We have had virtually no complaints from the troops. We have invited the troops to say it they want to move but by and fergethey are content with the accommodation they are in.

We have sent instructions out to all commands informing them that if there is anything extra that can be done by way of Christmas henefits we will see what we can do to help them. Mr Jerry Wiggin (Weston super Mare, C)—How many Servicement are doing the jobs of how many firemen?

Mr Gibert—There is a rotal at 18,000 Servicemen involved in all arrests of the servicement in t

We have found it difficult to find state than one or two.

Moreover, where groups have complained they have been reluctant to move out because they have made themselves comfortable and preferred to stay where they were. Sir Ian Gilmour should know bester than to start sthring up trouble where he knows none exists. (Conservative protests.)

Sir Ian Gilmour—it is no good the

(Conservative protests.)

Sir. Ian Gilmour—It is no good the minister saying that we are stirring up trouble. It is the policies or non-policies of the Government which are sturring up trouble. (Conservative cheers.) We saw troops living in disgraceful conditions in the HAC Armoury. Are they still living in them or not?

Mr Gilbert-We have had virtually

Nato allies have not suggested variations in United

If the Opposition sulped less at the Government's defence policy and gave more support to the Government's economic policy, the spokesman on defence (Chesham economy would move forward quicker and those things that hoth sides wanted to see done could be done. Mr. James Weilbeloved, Under Secretary of Defence for the RAF, said at question time.

Mr. Winster Churchill, an Opposition spokesman on defence (Chesham and Amersham, C)—He will have seen the letter from Dr. Luns, Secretary of State Mr. Mulley), which expressed criticisms of the Government rather more arriagent than those unitered by Mr. Churchill, and those unitered by Mr. Churchill and those unitered by Mr. Chur Mr Winston Churchill an Opposi-

Mr Wellbeloved (Bexley, Erith and Crayford, Lab)—Does he not take the point that his continual sniping at the military capability of this country does not enhance the morale of our armed forces, nor

selves?

Sir Ian Gilmour, chief Opposition spokesman on defence (Chesham and Amersham, C)—He will have seen the letter from Dr Luns, Secretary-General of Nato, to the Secretary of State (Mr Mulley), which expressed criticisms of the Government rather more arriagent than those utiered by Mr Churchffl. Does he not think Dr Luns was

te to them. We considered even before the

allies and we have taken note of them.

He said in a later reply that Britain's Note allies had commented on the provisional list of savings measures for 1978-79, which the Government put to them in the summer, and had not suggested variations.

Mr Philip Goodhart (Bromiey, Beckenham, C)—If he really believes that the Secretary-General of Naro's letter was constructive of vain's letter was constructive will the Secretary of State (Mr Mulley) in Brussels this afternoon be repudiating the defence cuts and responding to the savage criticism that Dr Luns has made of

sucome on defence and the declara-tion by the ministers at the May meeting of ministers stated quite meeting or ministers stated dulies clearly that it was recognized that some countries would have diffi-culty in meeting certain obligations which have been agreed because of their current economic situation. Mr Richard Crawshaw (Liverpool,

Fear that concurrent powers will be a source of conflict

Mr Leon Brittan, an Opposition spokesman on devolution (Cleveland and Whisby, C) in general practice. All the prophecies of the debate an Clause 23 (Powers exercisable with consent or concurspokesman on devolution (Clere-land and Whisby, C) in general debate on Clause 23 (Powers exer-cleable with consent or concur-rently) said it provided that some rently) said it provided that some powers may be exercisable both by the Secretary of State and by a Scottish Secretary. This was a classic manifestation of the type of provision likely to lead to conflict.

To give them both power to act under nine Acts of Parliament would also bring ambiguity, overlap and uncertainty. If both these ministers decided to act differently, whose will would prevail?

At best the clause would lead to confusion and at worst to conflict. It was an extraordinary arrangement to have similar powers to be exercisable by two governments likely to be to conflict with each

omer.

Mr David Price (Eastleigh, C) said it would be hard enough for the clause to be operated if there were governments of the same political complexion. If they were of different complexions then collision was almost inevitable. That it was necessary to have Clause 23 was evidence of the basic nonsense of the fill.

the Bill.

Mr Cotin Phipps (Dudley, West, Lab) said that it might be possible for Parliament reprospectively, under Schedule S, to state that Bills maned in the schedule should be ones to which the concurrent principle should be applied. But what would happen to new Bills brought before the Scottish Assembly that it decided were not concurrent put which Westminster might decide were of concurrent interest to both?

Mr lan Gow (Enstbourne, C) said

Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C) said essembly must be prevented for the clause introduced a further changing the charter, ministerial procedure before there. Mr George Younger, for the Opp could be any bortowing of money outside the United Kingdom or in a currency other than sterling which be greatly welcomed. Such borrowing was one of the principal causes of the country's discontent. The fact that this would have to be referred to the Secretary of State or another minister for consent and approval did not go nearly far enough. It should require the approval of the House of Commons as well.

Mr William Benyon (Buckingham, C) said the Bill contained causes of friction which could not be swept away. These would come to the fore again and again when the Bill became an Act.

became an Act.
Mr lain Sproat (Aberdeen, South, C) said that one of the main reasons a referendum in Scotland would throw the Bill out was because the people would realize what they were letting themselves in for in terms of money—the endless extra expense on civil servants and bureaucracy. The clause was a guaranteed recipe for conflict over money.
Mr John Smith, Minister of State, Privy Council Office (North Lanarkshire, Lab) said the main

When the committee stage of the the United Kingdom Governmen Scotland Bill was resumed and in respect of reserved matters, entered its fifth day,

This was not a recipe for disaster. This was not a recipe for disaster

The clause was carried by 20, soles to 166—Governmen. votes to majority, 37. Mr Iain Sproat (Aberdeen, South C) moved an amendment to Scho dule 6 (Provisions in Assembl-Blis requiries Crown's consent which, he suid, was designed to discover from the Governmen what safeguards there were from Interference by any Scortis Assembly with institutions incur-porated under Royal Charter, an-how the Crown's consent was to b exercised in this matter.
One of the things that struct anybody looking at the schedul was that a remarkable number o bodies in Scotland incorporate under Royal Charter were opposed to the Bill root and branch. The were keen to know what safe guards there were in the Bill t protect their position.

protect their position.

Mr Teen Dalywell (West Lothuar Lab) said that the universitivere not devolved at present, become anyone imagine that assembly would not want to get claws on a university? Williams on a university? claws on a university? Will months its members would be ing that for the coherence ... Scottish education system must have control over the unsities. If an assembly was set of none of the safeguards being cussed had a hope of coming f

operation. operation.

Mr Eldon Griffiths (Bury a. Edmunds, C) said that the Spa. Council was set up for Engli-wales and separately for Scottar-under a Royal Charter, and ? assembly must be prevented for charging the charter. sition (Ayr. C) said the Gover ment should consider what was happen if the assembly decided suspend its standing orders, who it would be entitled to do, since the exclusions written into the B because they were necessary wow become non-operative.

Mr Barry Ewing, Under Secreta for Scotland (Stirling, Falkirk a Grangemonth, Lab) said that 1 amendment would give the asset bly the power, which the Opportion did not want it to have, interfering with the Royal Charte and the bodies constituted them. A tooly established und the Royal Charter, wishing to his changes made, applied to the Pri Council.

Council.

Royal Charter bodies in Scotial would make an application to a assembly if they wanted changer, the charter, and the change commended would go to 5 Secretary of State for Scutlar There was no reputies and There was no provision and proposal to devolve the univ.

Fines may be dropped

During discussion on an amend ment to Clause 26 (Members majority pecuniary interests) Mr Barry On Casewing, Under Secretary, Scottish Office (Stirling, Falidrik and Crangemouth, Lab) said the Government were having second thoughts about part 2 of the clause. This was the part which stated that if a member of the assembly took part in any proceedings in contravention of the provision that members with pecuniary interests should disclose them before taking part, he would be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding 1500.

He said the Government did not was no He said the Covernment did not

He sam the Government did not see the assembly as a local authority body. They were seriously thinking about what they might do at report stage to remove part 2 of the clause altogether.

The clause was agreed in.
Clause 32 (Remuneration of members etc.) was carried by 167

votes to 142—Governm, majority, 25.
On Clause 23 (Agency arran, ments and provision of service. Mr. Edward Taylor, Opposity spakesman on Scotland (Glasse Catheart, C) said the Opposity were not sure what the clause designed to do. designed to do.

Mr Ewing said the clause set uparrangement whereby the Scott
Secretary could perform a funct
on behalf of a United Kingd,
minister at his request, and
United Kingdom minister colcarry out a function at the requof the Scottish Secretary. The
was no question of the desemhaving extended powers.

This was a simple provision.

Kingdom defence savings measures for 1978-79

Mr Winston Churchill an Opposi-tion spokesman on defence (Stret-ford, C) had said: This Govern-ment, by cutting more than 12,500 troops from the front line and by postponing the deployment of Marines and Blow-pipe which are essential pieces of equipment, are guilty of lowering the nuclear threshold and guing back to the old policy of tripwire.

country does not enhance the morale of our armed forces, nor does his continued snights at the efforts of this Government to over come the country's grave economic difficulties, which are aimed at reestablishing our ability to deal with our domestic economy and

No sign that Services

The Government had not had any should listen to Servicemen and indication from members of the Service Chiefs on justified forces that they wanted trade claims for better pay and condi-

ind told Mr Douglas Hoyle (Nelson and Coine, Lai) that the Secretary of State for Defence (Mr Frederick Mulley) had not lind any discussions with the TCC and other interested unions obout establishing trade unions for the armed forces.

Mr Hoyle—The best way to break the caste system in the Services—

to improve pay and conditions is to get these people to join trade unions. It would bring them into line with other countries in West, ern Europe. There should be early discussions.

want trade unions

fir Weitbeloved—No. and he is putting an incorrect interpretation on the remarks of Dr Luns. We welcome the frank and construcrive comments made by our Nato

We shall shortly the said; be reviewing the list in the light of the most up-to-date assessments of

Mr Ron Thomas (Bristol, North-

West, Lab (-Many Labour MPs

will do their best to protect him

Mr Gilbert-I note what he says

As the country's financial situation and the reserves have im-proved quite dramadically since these curs were made, surely the Government should review them with a view to reducing unemplay-ment in the defence Industries?

ment in the defence industries?

Air Weilbeloved—We welcome the frank and constructive approach that Nato, and Dr Luns in particular, has displayed towards the propositions we put to them.

Naturally Nato are concerned in the face of the serious build-up of Warsaw Pact forces about the capability of Western defence but they also recognize that even when the plasmed reductions have been put into effect we are still spending some 5 per cent of our national

Mr Richard Crawshaw (Liverpool, Toxteth, Lab)—Has be estimated the unemployment likely to arise in defence industries as a result of the present cuts? Perhaps he can also give juy to some of my colleagues by saving what sort of cuts in employment would take place if the anti-defence programme outlined by some of our hon friends were to be put into effect?

Mr Wellbeloved—There can be no doubt that reductions in defence expenditure have led, and will lead, to reduction of job opportunities in the defence industries. So far they have been a significant contribution to the unemployment figures.

I entirely agree if we were no embark on defence expenditure reductions of its excess of fi,000m from the existing targets then the

from the existing targets then the effects on employment would be very grave indeed.

Workers will not lose jobs as result of ships deal

A statement at an appropriate time Shields, Lah)—If these orders had on the financial arrangements of the Polish shipbuilding deal was promised by Mr Michael Foot, Lord President of the Council. when deputizing for the Prime Minister at question time.

Mr. Michael Grylls (North-West Surrey, C) had sald—Could be be more forthcoming about 'this Pollah ships deal? What is actually happening over this contract? What is this company—Polsko Bretyjskie Przedsiewziecie Zegiugowe Sp Z 00 Szczeds—that has been formed in Poland? ormed in Poland?

How many British seamen will be put out of a job by British subsidies building up the Comecon merchant fleet? unions. It would bring them into line with other countries in West of the armed forces that they occually want trade unions, or Europe. There should be early discussions.

Mr Gilbert—Trade union members below the Service Chief; to them a similar kind of assistuation. If the trade union with the motor of the armed forces that they occually want trade unions, be put out of their jobs by these proposals and no British sallors will be put out of their jobs. British shipowers can have available to them a similar kind of assist-

could keep them going until 1982 they will do so.

If it was pussible to phase in all those entitled to the mobility allowance, to receive it before the end of 1979, they would do so.

If they would do so.

If they will do so, they will do so, they will do so.

Mr. Robert Banks (Harrogate, C)—words were that he would have no objection in principle for that any objection in principle for that any objection in principle for the populations because the indeed of 1979, they would do so.

The mast look at these aspects of the matter more carefully. I hope that the whole House would be in favour of a successful conclusion of these negotiations because the jobs of many of those represented in the House depend upon it.

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Mr. Arthur Blenkinson (Service) He must look at these aspects of the matter mure carefully. I hope hat the whole House would be in details be forthcoming? fartur of a successful conclusion of these negotiations because the jobs of many of those represented in the House depend upon it.

Mr Arthar Blenkinsop (South questions.

wouls and cars. In earter had a strange habit that it did not like going under bridges and if it wanted to avoid going under one it had to goes road. Quite a few were killed by cars.

Lord Forbes (C) said what was required was a new protection Bill for all mammals classified into vortices categories

Lurd Gisborough (C) said that hung, made a great contribution in the preservation and study of

Lidy Stedman, Lady in Waiting, said the other was a charming, lovable and say treature. It was a

oreature with tremendous public appeal. But this was not the basis on which the Secretary of State had acted. The order had been made on the basis of hard scientific evidence that the status of the other as a British wild creature was now endangered.

The Nature Conservancy Coun-il, the Government's statutory

otters

been placed abroad, as they might have been, a great number of workers in this country would have lost their jobs and the position of British shipowners would have been no better.

Mr Foot—I agree. The Government will not be deterred from their efforts to try to secure jobs for British, workers by the cascalls of Conservative MPs. Sir Geotfrey Howe, chief Oppost tion spokesman on Treasury and economic offairs (East Surrey, C)-It is two months since the Prime Minister announced that the contract for the Polish shipbuilding deal was about to be concluded and six months since one of his fellow mimisters told the House of Lords that details of the financial arrangements would be made known as soon as they were complemed.

Will the details of these arrange-

ulation could could.

The Government were studying the possibility of comprehensive wild life legislation. But this was a complex matter and it was likely to be some time before farm proposals emerged from their consultations. In that time the status of the other would further have declined without the order.

declined without the order.

The first motion, calling on the Government to replace the "otters order" with an order under the Conservation of Wild Creatures and Wild Plants Act but restricted to areas where the NCC advised that the otter was so rare that its status as a British wild creature was endangered, was rejected by 53 votes to 37—Government majority. 16.

A second motion calling for the

A second motion calling for the annulment of the "otters order" was withdrawn.

The Judicature (Northern Ireland) Bill, which provides for the modernization of the courts and their administration in Northern Ireland, was read a first time.

The Local Covernment (Scotland) Bill passed the committee stage.

First reading

NCC to believe that other had con-tinued to decline since 1971.

If a species was to improve its status it must be permitted to breed without threat in areas where it still occurred. It would be ridiculous to protect others only in areas where they were absent and not in areas from which new pop-ulation could could.

endless extra expense on civil servants and bureaucracy. The clause was a guaranteed recipe for conflict over money.

Mr John Smith, Mindster of State, Privy Council Office (North Lanarkshire, Lab) said the main purpose of this provision was to give both to the ministers of the Crown and to the Scottish secretaries some concurrent powers.

The powers would be operated by the Scottish Secretaries in respect of devolved matters and by and the schedule agreed to.

This was a simple provision allow the Scottish Assembly the Utilized Kingdom Governmenthrough their ministers. If desired, to enter late an age arrangement.
The clause was agreed to.

minutes to learn how to use the apparatus and some months to learn how to avoid the dangers of using it in a burning building. Experts to go

fight fires by utilizing the expertise there is among the general public, for the strike does not go on the first ever.

The fires by utilizing the expertise the President Banter, Lady Llews, by hope this strike does not go on the first strike does not g B divine namen industry.

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They must leak to the fourth.

Michael Foot, Lord Process of the fourth of the fourth of the Council, said.

Mr. Foot, deputing for the forms of the strong and intervene in such a first and project for the Belgian in the first and project for the principle laid down organization in the first and project for the principle laid down organization in the first and t House of Commons

Lord Lovell-Davis (Lab) said the otter had been identified as at best vulnerable and was being endancered in many parts of England and Wales. Although it had been mated that the fall in the otter population had been unevenly spread, it was clear that they were considering small numbers of a species whose individual territories consisted of deable attractions of six and arms. sizable stretches of river and areas of land.

In taking the most option side view. It seemed that effective action should be taken to protect the other. The most sensible and speedy action for the Government to take would be to add the otter action.

Lord Zuckerman said there should be some measures of protection in those areas where the otter was endangered. What was the purpose of saying that the otter should be protected everywher? They should ask themselves whether shopping the hunting or should of otters was going to make the slightest difference to the otter population. population. Lord Craigren (C) and the Order heald prevent disturbance by bunts which was one of the major

dangers, particularly to an offer hunting packs and also the ofter a surrying young. the country, in particular in a The Order was just a step in the Viscount Massereene and Ferrard arge portion of central England.

The Order was just a step in the Viscount Massereene and Ferrard negt direction. He hoped the (C) said the dangers to the offer Everyone knew what was minister would assure than that were pollution and distorbance by

The Duke of Atboli (C) moved two motions concerned with otters. They called for the annulment of the Conservation of Wild Creatures and Wild Plants (Ones) Order and in replacement by an Order under the Conservation of Wild Creatures and Wild Plants Act.

Lord Lovell-Davis (Lab) said the cotter and be under the otter and been identified as a best to defend the otter is and been identified as a best to the otter is protection.

Lord Houghton of Sowerby (Lah) said he regarded hunting as a copraved sport. He saw nothing enticoling in men and dogs chasing wild animals. If men wanted to get closer to God, which they always said they were striving to do, then they should coase to wage war on others of God's creatures.

Would the House have been & full to discuss the monte-cared bat, or the sand lixurd, or the natter-fack toad or the large blue but.

Under the circumstances there was no reason at all why the nine join the more numerous inactive

'Nothing unacceptable' in NEB deciding

It was wrong to suggest that the NCC ignored the evidence from huats. It was largely evidence from that source which led the

A professional team would be trust to invest £20m in Fairey Group House of Communs
It had been made clear from invisit that the National Enterprise
Reard was not set up social for the parties of child servants and parties of architecture in indicated that might be in difficulty. Mr Foot, deputifying for the transe Minister, was replying to Calmingto on the Effect in Street, and replying to the Mr. Street, was rem

Crown Agents vote: statement soo

The Government would make an carly announcement on how they the House clearly wanted, an intend to proceed following yesterday's defeat in the lobbies at the close of the debate on the Crown Mr Foot—The Government do not Agents, Mr Michael Foot, Lord President of the Council (Ebbw Vale, Lab) indicated at question time.

to how we should pruceed.

Mr Foot—The proposition with Government put to the Hi-yesterday, which the House did-find acceptable, was not designed to affect open govment. It was a proposil designed to have the matter ther and speedily looked at. We will take into account different view expressed by House and the vote at the enit.

many months ago it was n plain by the Government that t' were preparations to give subsi in that deal. The House acce,

more people unuld be the of jobs. (Labour cheers.)

mobility.

Any help which can be given to assist disabled people to make the best use of their resources is clearly very much to be welcomed.

The House will recall that with this in mind I and the Minister for the Disabled (Air Alfred Morris) have been unusued in discussions.

known as Motability, is announc-ing today its composition and

chairman.

The organization will work in conjunction with the Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilition and the corresponding organizations in Sociand, Wales and Northern Iroland, it will decide itself how to fulfil its aims. and what its priorities should be with the advice of the disabled and their spokesmen.

their spokesmen.
\text{\text{totability will have a number of objectives. It will give guidance} and advice to disabled people on vehicles and adaptations and will negodate discounts and other special arrangements for disabled

sions about such a scheme are well alvanced. It is expected that the

next summer. In addition, Mombility plans to take funds. These could be used. Protection for otters: possibility of wild life legislation Why troops

apparatus

House of Lords
The Government did not believe that Servicemen involved in fire-fighting would be assisted by the mically treated cloth hoods of the type issued to front-line troops in France in 1915. breathing

He said that Parliament, in its conservation legislation, had contemplated a simulation where a wild creature was only endangered over part of its range, a situation which genuinely compared with the otter.

The otter was very much endangered. type issued to front-line troops in France in 1915, Lord Winterbot-tion, Lord in Waising, said at novestool lime.

Lord Leatherland (Lab) and that was rather unfair to those semi-skilled men who were required to enter hurding houses to pur out lire. Was the fire research department devoting some attention to this question?

Lord Winterbottom—The problem is that the danger of going into a smoke-filled room is not a complex chemical which the cloth hoods were devised to cope with her than the fire was for its territory, six to seven miles of river.

carbon monoxide. Neither the hords nor a gas-mask is effective against carbon monoxide.

In answer to turther questions he explained that it took a short time to train a man to use motions.

he explained that it wook a short time to train a man to use modern breathing apparatus but a long time to teach him how in fight thes. He had to learn what happened inside a fourning outdone and the dangers which a man year and preathing apparatus faced in a borning building from such things horning building from such things a live cables from which the Institution had been burnt.

Lord Mowbray and Stourton (C) said he had previously supported there was a case for including others, in the list of endangered species, but he had become converted to the view that within the meaning as the Act, the other has only endangered in certain pairs of as live cables from which the Institute of the country. In particular in a large portion of central England.

the Earl of Raisbury said the older generation living in blocks of flars could be mobilized to form an incentury of the apparants available. We could the said put our elves on a citizen army basis to fight fires by utilizing the expertise fight fires by utilizing the expertise.

the caste system in the Services— (Conservative interruptions)—and to improve pay and conditions is to

within the provisions of the 1975 Lord Zuckerman sold there thould

others of God's creatures. The reason there was such a good attendance in the House was not that peers were concerned with the future of the ofter; what they were concerned about was the future of otter hunting.

advisors body on nature conservation matters, set up a joint other group with other interested bodies in September, 1976. The group's report made it clear that there was evidence that the otter had declured or was even absent from substantial parts of Britain. The conclusion from scientific surveys was that there were now tow ofters in the area bounded by Cheshire and Lincoinshire in the north and Gloucestershire and Middlesex in the south.

Mr Michael Thomas (Newcastle upon Tyne, East Lab) had asked him whether he had yet had time to consult the Prime Minister about yesterday's events.

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I do not believe there is comparison with the Polish s. deal. I do not believe there anything to hide in it. Ind

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No denying Oxford the last laugh

Rugby Carrespondent
Oxford Univ 16 Cambridge Univ 10
A Cambridge era was ended
yesterday at Twickenham when, on
a dank and dirty afternoon, and
at the end of a Characterbrically
fervent and engrossing content that
did credit to both sides, Oxford
actieved their first victory in the
University Rugby much for siz
long years, and so won themselves
the Bowning Bowl. Surviving a
bistering start by the opposing
pack, they did so by four penalty
goals and a try to two penalty
goals and a try to two penalty
goals and a try. I doubt if
even the most perfervid of Cambridge supporters would deny that
the Oxford forwards, supported
with the utmost soundness at half
back, should enjoy the last laugh
nor that dits long swained success
was not worthily sarned.

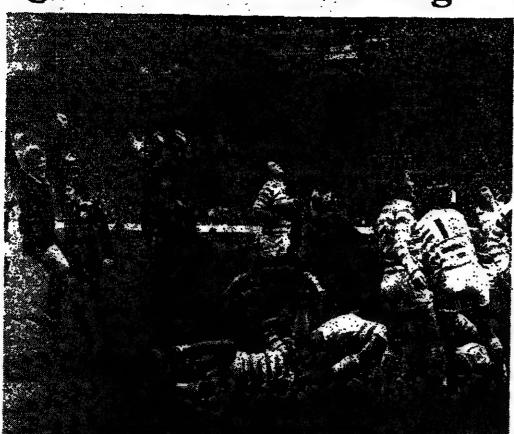
If this suggests that Oxford
prospered only by 10-man Rugby,
then it gives a rather false impression. Every man jack of the
Oxford XV courtistand his part,
right back to the brave and impeccatic Hopkins in the last line
of defence and, in front of him,
the centre, Wastichson, who had an
impacted afternoon as a goal-kicker,
hithing the barget with no trouble
at all with four attempts our of
five. None of them was easy on
such a fifthy day. The one he
missed—the conversion of oxford's
first try—wear narrowly off course.
There can be no doubt, cer-

twe. None of them was easy on such a fility day. The one he missed—the conversion of Oxford's first try—went narrowly off course. There can be no doubt, certainly, that Cambridge deserved their early lead, a penalty kicked by Hignell, but that was the sun total they had to show at the innerval en spite of all the ball they won throughout that period at the line-out, mostly invough a dominant Butter at the tail. By then Oxford, finding their poise, were leading 13—3 and an indignified, quite interpoted by Hignell had led to an offside offence by his team and three invaluable Oxford points. In all other respects, Hignell had an impressive first half, but his judgment, as affairs progressed, was anusually failble.

However, what basically cost Cambridge the game, on a day when the elements did not favour their cause, was a failure to give themselves width from the possession they gained. Robbie, at scrumbalf, is not the first player of outstanding taleut to have a rather minappy Tuesday at Twickenham. He kicked indifferently in the first half and he found himself, overall, well shwarad at close quarters. In this last respect, his parmer, he came back has de, from a tapped penalty, to inevisable perdition.

The atmentate of Each test and on a tapped penalty, to inevisable perdition.

ine and, sven sadder, that the Ali-Black wing, O'Callaghen, hunged off with a hemstring, five minutes from the end of his



Underdog triumphant: Moir is buried by Cambridge men after scoring a try for Oxford.

University rugby career, without having had the merest whilf of a chance.

Oxford took their chances, their captain, Tim Bryan observing afterwards that he was almost apeechless with pleasure, events having gone for them almost exactly as planned. To that joyful and footballing skills were consulted much off, behind those eventually dominant forwards, contributed much. The two locks, Robinson and Budge, looked to be doing a solid job.

A fine drizzle, persisting for most of the game, made conditions for handling hazardous from the start, and the whole gloomy Wagnerian backcloth may have called for Bernard Levin's loving near to embruider. There was fairly in the second balf, when

job.

A fine drizzle, persisting for most of the game, made conditions for handling hazardous from the start, and the whole gloomy Wagnerian backcloth may have called for Bernard Levin's loving pen to embroider. There was nothing gloomy about the Cambridge start, Fosh scheoring with Breakey and going dangerously close behind that early forward platform before Moir was caught offside at a ruck and dignell platform before Moir was caught offside at a ruck and dignell kicked a smalghtish and not too difficult penalty goal. Shaw, with an eye injury, was raplaced as Cambridge tight-head by Stevanson, but for some while the other aide had no decent buil to exploit. Eventually, the Oxford pack settled into their groove. There was a missed pass by Davies, Hopkins came into the line, Willis was crunched by a superb Hignell rackle, and Cambridge were pena-

Cambridge badly needed a quick store, Hignell pulled a difficult penalty kick from the far left, but their adrenalin was stimulated when, behind the acrummage, Breakey put in a nice diagonal from the left which Hoolahan was unable. (I think with good excuse) to scotch, and Greig charged up to scotch. to score.

to score.

Oxford waxed strongly now and, when Glanvill was offside in a rack, and Watkinson kicked his fourth goal, from forty yards on the left, that seemed to indicate the end for the eventual losers. Almost at once, however, Robbie got three points back for Cambridge, from the same distance, after so offeoce at a maul. 16—10, and Cambridge needed only one acore, and a conversion, to save



How management failed to manage

For anyone who wants to know all the whys and wherefores of last sammer's unhappy tour in New Zealand, the appropriately named Lions Down Under by John Resson, chief Rugby Correspondent of the Dally Telegraph, must be required, explicit reading. Published today by Rugby Books, with 72 of his own phomographs, it includes—at a rough calculation—perhaps 30,000 more works on the same subject and, at £4.25, it costs less. words than have appeared in other works on the same subject and, at £4.25, it costs less.

The meat of this book—presented in thoroughly digestable detail, and always flavoured by penetrating and often amusing comment the selection of management and players was timounced. It continues match by match (so providing a valuable record) to the better end, when the team raised a thankful cheer as they book off for Fiji. The most piquam sances are reserved for the final chapter.

The author declares that the New Zealand selectors, accepting their team's limitations and making sensible adjustments, made far better use of their resources.

making sensible adjustments, made far better use of their resources.

"The Lions did not have the physical presence to run through the opposition in midfield, they could not pass the ball well enough to outlank them, they were not quick enough to run round them and they were not skilled enough in their footwork to elude them. The only alternative, therefore The only alternative, therefore was to find another way of scoring, either by sostained loose forward attacks or by dropped goals. Neither of these alternatives by commandments from the four

was explored. The preparation of the team looked naive."

The greatest irony of all, he suggests, was that the team falled not because john Dawes falled as a coach of forwards, but because he failed as a coach of backs. "He set out with the thoroughly laudible intention of rejecting the restrictive practises adopted by the 1974 Lions, but his team lost because they could not do those things at which he bimself, as a player, was an artist."

There was, it is said, a regretable element of Weish nationalism about some of the selections, and the author observes, with sadness, that Mike Gibson and Dawes never achieved the rapport they enjoyed as players. Far from using Gibson's unrivalled experience as a counsellor of the backs, Dawes became increasingly isolated from him until, in the end, "it looked as if the management had virtually sent Gibson to Coventry".

Part of the trouble, it is suggested was that Dawes never

Coventry".

Part of the trouble, it is suggested, was that Dawed never found it easy to listen. "The Lions never established an effective dialogue to identify and to resolve problems... and Dawes had even greater difficulty in dealing with the media. This made the atmosphere round the team noticeably hostile, and it stemmed from Dawes's unwillingness to evaluate criticism. He simply rejected it, no marter what the source." the source."

The judgment in this forthright account is that no part of the



George Burrell, a target for criticism in John Reason's new book.

home unions all of them saying. Thou shalt not, that he had neither the authority nor the self-confidence to run his own tour."

As to disciplina, reason concedes there were blemishes, and he blames the management for those, too. "Any group of thirty young men. have to be told what standards of behaviour are expected... and that if those standards are not met, they will be sent home on the next available aircraft." But he stresses that only a thry minority did things for which they should have been ashamed.

Another finding is that the management so often behaved un-graciously in response to offers of graciously in response to differ or local hospitality that it made their camp followers cringe with embarrassment. "Too many of the Lions kept their own company for too long for their own good ... Even one or two more gestures towards being accessible would have improved the

image of the 1977 Lions beyond measure."
However, the point is firmly made that the Lions had much to contend with. "The humilistion of New Zealand's tight forwards probably did, more than anything to produce the victousness of the Pommy-bashing of the crowds. The Lions were appalled by the jeering and abuse to which they were subjected. . . They had to remind themselves that they were amateurs playing a game for personal, enjoyment and at the same time making something like \$2,000,000 for the New Zealand Rugby Union."

And another telling persersph: "The combination of bad weather, persistent injuries, hos-

"The combination of bad weather, persistent injuries, hostile crowds, hostile newspapers, unnecessarily indifferent playing standards leading to persistent pressure on the field, and an increasingly inward-looking tendency on the part of the management had made the touring party unhealthily introspective."

One can only conclude with sadness that before another tour the four bome unions have some hard thinking to do, and that some bridges have to be mended.

Peter West

Squash rackets

Neighbours and clubmates to cortest national final

By Rex Bell my Squash Radgets Correspondent Jonathan Leslie, the holder, and Philip Kenyon, who live a mile apart and both play for their local club at Besconsfield, will contest the final of Britain's national mnateur squash rackets championship at Abbeydale Park, Sheffield. this evening. In the semi-final round, a repetition of last season's final, Leslie beat John Richardzon, 9-1, 2-9, 9-6, 9-6 and Kenyon defeated John Le Lievre, 9-3, 3-5, 4-9, 8-10, 9-1. The championship is sponsored by

The first match was strangely subdued—tactically stereotyped and technically inhibited. Leslie and Richardson seemed more interested in sparting than in throwing pruches. The result was rather humdrum. It would be unreasonable to expect consistently pretty or explosive squash amid the nervouse tension of a national championship. But the match was nervotabase a disannointing evertheless, a disappointing

Leslie made the sounder start Leslie made the sounder start. Sat, in the second game, his length became ragged and for the rest of the match he had difficulty in finding the nick. Once Richardson had settled down, notably in his anticipation and his movement about the court, the match was always close. But there were phases when Richardson's mind seemed to breeze. Perhaps be was highling too much. Whatever the reason, his tactics varied in the oddest way between the assertive and the diffident. By contrast.

Leslie always knew what he wanted to do, for all the frustrations be had in attempting to do it. In the third game, Richardson recovered from 2-8 to 6-8 but perhaps the most influential shot of the match. Another critical rally occurred when Richardson, in hand at 5-7 in the fourth game, had Leslie on the run but could not finish the raily. Leslie could. Having gamely stayed in the running, he hit a winner to a length to reach match point. But he peeded two more-and the encouragement of two penalty points-before hitting a winner down the forehand wall. Le Lierre had won two of ins three previous matches after los-

ing the tirst two games. Briefly, it seemed that he might do the same again against Kenyon. Le Lievre's came to based on his re-meving, his cute thinking and the effective short game that exploits the court space created by his driving to the back of the court. Once he is into his stride, his dences are difficult to breach. Kenyon has a wider repertory of winning shots and a wider range of pace. He can bury the ball to a length and be also has a variety a length and be also has a variety of short kills. In the third and fourth games, he had increasing difficulty in finishing the rallies and had to resist the tempration to take excessive risks. It was much of his credit that he had the skill and discretion to survive the challenge. He eventually introduced the pace to a degree Le Lievre could no longer withstand.

Real tennis

Surprise soon wears off on Cripps and Lovell

By Our Real Tennis Correspondent Correspondent
The holders. Norwood Cripps
and Alan Lovell, were held for
only one set in the British open
real tennis doubles championship. only one set in the british open real tennis doubles championship, sponsored by Cutty Sark, at-Queen's Club yesterday. Down 3—5 in the first set they lost only two more games in beating the professionals. Peter Dawes and David Johnson, by 6—5, 6—2, 6—0 and will play the former amateur champions, Howard Angus and David Warburg, in the Howard first of tomorrow's semi-final round matches.

Athletic volleying by Dawes, backed up by thoroughly sound play on the floor by Johnson, took Cripps and Lovell by surprise at the start and their lead for which they worked industriously was well deserved. But their conserved to win the first their engerness to win the first set caused them to overhit. Cripps and Lovell secured the service then, a distinct advantage, and held it long enough to ward off the threat. From then on the losers were

very much on the defensive. Cripps and Lovell became more and more forecful, holding the sersnow more than the service end for long periods and showing that in most aspects of the game they are a well balanced pair. The only pair who can possibly match them as vollevers are

the score suggests as the losers managed to keep rallie going and Bridgeman was sensible enough to aim for the service end galleries. Hhad Atkins done the galleries. Hhad Arkins done the same the score might have been less one-sided.

Angus and Warburg dropped a set to David Verney and Kenneth Sheldon before winning by 6-4, 6-0, 3-6, 6-3. Warburg was not serving as well as usual. Angus had a spell of mis-hitting in the third set and both hegan to the third set and both began to hit too hard. But, after 3-3 in the fourth set, they were never in much danger.

The amateurs, Andrew Windham and John Ward, began full of zest

against the professionals, Frank Willis and David Cull, took the first set and probably had visions of success. They were not given much leeway after that. much leeway after that.

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'Lord's') best A. C. Windsam and J. D.

Ward, 3. 6. 6. 1, 6. 3, 6. 1.

Doubt over tours

Cape Town, Dec 6.—Dr Danie Craven, President of the South African Rugby Union Board, today refused to say what decisions had been reached on the 1978-79 Springbok rour of Britain and the Scottish tour to South Africa next June, because me matter was " too delicate". The board may ask for a postponement of the two tours because of the political climate.— Reuter. Football

appeal to Cruyff sense of drama

From Norman Fox
Football Correspondent
Barcelona, Dec 6
As if shill not convinced that
the performance he saw from
Barcelona in the first leg of
Ipswich Town's Uefa Cup third
round tie a fortnight ago was anything like the Spanish club's true
standard, Bobby Robson arrived
here early enough to watch them
for the third time in a month.
Again he saw them lose, this time
3—2 to Real Madrid, and he was
understandably impressed by
Johan Cruyff, who was much
more involved than against
Ipswich.

Ipswich.

It will soll be difficult for Mr Robsou to persuade his team that Barcelona may have a sharper edge on home ground here tow rrow (8.30) because, in the first leg, ipswich comfortably took a 3—0 lead. Peritaps caution is not necessary after all. Barcelona emphasized in England that they were an incomplete team who relied too heavily on Cruyff and Neeskens, their Durch imports.

Often though, Cruyff plavs moodily. Whether it appeals to his sense of drama to hail Barcelona back from almost certain failure is another matter. If Mr Robson is to voice a caution it may be to recall that two years ago, in this same cup competition. Ipswich went to Bruges holding a similar lead and lost.

This they are utilkely to repeat but one cannot envisage them playing a totally defensive game. It would be out of character and, after all, their strength is their greatest asset, although the return of Vilioen should bring back the midfield subtlety that has been lacking for the past two years. They would be well advised to do no more nor less thus follow the hackneyed managerial line and play their own game.

The key to tomorrow might's march at the Nou Camp stadjum was probably discovered in the first leg when Ipswich asked Osborne to go with Cruyff. This be did with surprising effect. Cruyff found himself hemmed in and his access to colleagues frustrated.

As a result, Neeskens was inadequately served. Ipswich gained sound control and played a steadier, more considered game than was their usual League style.

Villoen played his first full senior metch for two years on Samrday when Ipswich beat Aston Villa 2—0. By all accounts he was understandably slow but the team, there are several nagging worries. Mr Robson may not announce the lack-off as Mariner was hurt on Samrday and Beattle, who has only recently, recovered from a cartilege operation, is milikely to

Yesterday's results Buropean Super Cup, second

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Position may Liver pool give Keegan | No rest for surprise homecoming

> Merseyside staged a homecoming party for Kevin Keegan last night but it was Terry McDermott who lit the candles and Liverpool who took the cake. The Super who it the candles and Liverpool who took the cake. The Super Cup played for annually by the European chamolons and the holders of the Cup Winners' Cup, brought Keegan with his new club Hamburg, to meet Liverpool, for whom he was so long a favourite. When the teams drew the first leg 1—1 in Hamburg a formight ago, the Super Cup seemed a contest that was more appealing in theory than in practice. The opening exchanges last night did little to change that view. But once the goals started to flow, McDermott contributing three, there was emongh to keep the blood warm. Keegan's intelligence and acceleration are qualities Hamburg might have been expected to exploit. Their players had a confident touch on the ball and a nice change of angle in the build up, but here they were let down by some poor passing and a general lack of appetite once the tide began to flow against them.
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> The first goal came from a corner taken by Heighway. Thompson lending height at the near post, missed the header but swivelled on to the ball when it rebounded from a defender and struck it post

missed the header but swivelled on to the ball when it rebounded from a defender and struck it post. Kargus and in off the far post. There had been several chances earlier, several of them falling to McDermott, who was showing a daugerous ability to time his runs into the penalty area.

It was just such a move which brought his first goal. McDermott

instadt stole through completely un-marked to drive the ball into the net from 12 yards. Hamburg kept themselves in the game till halftime by some cool defence in which Kaltz, halled as the natural successor in West Germany to Beckenker. was outstanding.

Ten minutes after the interval came two goals in 75 seconds which settled the match. Both were scored by McDermott. The first was struck with venom and precision into the angle of the precision into the angle of the Hamburg goal with barely centimetres to spares. Kargus, who kept goal bravely throughout, was left grasping air. Almost immediately, Dalglish made a decoy run and Kennedy's through ball found McDymott again free and able to tuck the ball under Kargus with his left foot. The remaining goals came in

The remaining goals came in the last five minutes from Fair-clough and Daiglish. Liverpool's joint leading scorers with 10 goals apiece. By that stage Hamburg, who had brought on Steffenhagen and Eigl, for Zaczyk and Magath, had lest all interest in the contest. In 14 consecutive seasons of European competition only three teams have beaten Liverpool at Anfield but it would be small consolation for Hamburg to know that they had gone the same way as Dynamo Dresden, the East Germans, who were here in the European Cup in October.

Liverpool: R. Committe, P. Nent, E. Mughes, R. Daiglish, T. McDermoll, B. Heighwag, "Lib, D. Johnson, D. Fairlough, J. Cass. R. Kennedy, E. Hughwag, "Lib, D. Johnson, D. Fairlough, J. Cass. R. Kennedy, R. Kennedy, J. Seeffenhagen, "Magath, Referee: U. Erksson, Sweden.

Cambridge hoping to end their disappointments

The Oxford camp are quietly confident on the eve of the annual Varsity Match at Wembley, after a season which has wimessed several notable achievements, the Oxford secretary writes. Nor is this confidence fil-founded, as only one defeat in the last four games and that at the hands of a Tottenham side fielding three internationals well illustrates.

This run of successes, includ-

internationals well liustrates.

This run of successes, including a draw with a paleured West Ham XI and a 3—0 away defeat of a powerful Witney Town side, well-respected in semi-professional circles, speaks for inself. But Oxford optimism is tempered by respect for the quality of their Cambridge opposition and by an acquaintance with those cliches of warning which abound in such cup-tie atmospheres.

Neverthelmis homes remain high

cup-sie atmospheres.

Nevertheless, hopes remain high that the right formula has been developed for extending Oxford's unbeaten run in University games to five. That goals win games is axiomatic and Oxford possess the forwards capable of putting this axiom to good effect once again. With the skills available to both teams, the march should be an enterthining one. Cambridge's season started in fine style despite the absence of Roberts, the injured captain. The experimental midfield of Little, with four football Bines stready. Postichweite a converted centre-back and Dinkernor dropping back from a striking role—settled down well. They gained victories over London Insurance (4—0) and Corinthan Cacuals (6—2) in which Morgan scored furce goals.

This fine start was somewhat marred, however, by disappoint-

narred, however, by disappointing mid-term defeats at the hands of the Amateur Football Associa-tion, an FA XI, Leicester Univer-

sity and a strong Leads-Carnegia side.

With a view to Wembley, Cam-bridge are confident of ending their recent disappointments. The return of Roberts (in midfield or

strack) will balance and strengthen the team. The attacking flair of Tosdevin from full-back, the speed, control and power of Adomakeh, along with Polack, winning his first blue, will be valuable assers. along with Polack, winning his first blue, will be valuable assers.

CAMERIDGE: R. Polack (Wolverhampton GS and Jesus); "L. Tosdevin (Glyn GS and St Catharine's), "A. Smith (Guthiaxton College and Sidney Sussex), "J. Little (Stratford GS and St Catharine's), "J. Grundy (Manchester GS and St Catharine's), "P. Rees (Baines GS and Downing), "J. Adomakoh (Charterhouse and Downing), "J. Postlethwidte (Hindley and Ahrom GS and St Catharine's), "P. Roberts (Yate Skrib Form College and St John's), "P. Dinkenor (Manchester GS and Stdiney Sussex), "Reserves: P. Chesney (Bradfield College and Fitzwilliam); G. Little (Stratford GS and St Catharine's), "D. Kay (Preston Stith Form College and Kebie), "I. Bart (Gosford Hill School and Lincoln), N. Morvill (Millfield and Lincoln), "N. Mrowiet (Northeaste GS and Christ Church), "C. Walton (Matchew Humberstone and Oriel), "D. Allanson (Bradford GS and School and Queen's), R. Nugen (Birkenbead School and Queen's), P. Rannon (St Mary's Colloge and Queen's), N. Mary

School and Queen's), P. Hannon (St Mary's College and Queen's), N. Had (Bournemouth School and Mansfield), *A. Price (Cheltenham GS and St John's). Reserves: *K. Quinn (Bernsley GS and Pembroke), C. Archer (Dudley GS and Keble).

* A Blue. Today's fixtures

Ict. off 7.30 unless stated.

UEFA CUP: Third round, account

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ERBUTE CUP: Fourth round: Wrox.

LEAGUE CUP: Four round replay: Kestering Inter v Thiny:
SOUTHERN LEAGUE CUP: Third
Cambridge (Wester, 2.0).

Rimmer in a keepers graveyard

From Arthur Osman

There is an Irony about Aston Villa's situation in Bilbao where tonight (7.0) they will be seeking to confirm a place in the quarter-final round of the Uefa Cup. This round will not be played until March and by then Villa could be pressonable excepted to have got reasonably expected to have got back on course in a season which has lacked a sense of determination and commitment. In the warmth of last summer Villa came here for a series of

Villa came here for a series of friendly games involving four clubs which AC Bibbo eventually won having besten Villa 2—0 slong the way. During that game Villa's two goalkeepers Burridge and Findlay performed badly and the manager. Ronald Saunders, had no hesitation on his return a day or so later in signing, for \$70,000, Rimmer from Arsenal. It is Rimmer who will have to play a crucial role tongeth in present 570,000, Rimmer from Arsenal.

It is Rimmer who will have to play a crucial role touight in protecting a two-goal lead from the first leg of this third round the that Villa hope will be sufficient to see them through. Rimmer has the confidence and says that he is enjoying the game at Villa where there is far more of a team atmosphere than at his previous Clubs. His opposite number Jose Iribar, a former national goalk.ceper for Spain, is going through the sort of form at present that Burridge and Findlay shared five months ago on their tour here.

Supporters are savaging him as are the local press, who unkindly headlined his last performance in defeat against the fairly medicore Reyo Vallecan club of Madrid by taving Iribar 3 AC Bibbac 2, and that after they had led 2—0.

In the first leg at Villa Park, Iribar had a nightmore game, being particularly unsure in the air when challenged by men like Gray and McNaught and gave the first goal to Villa by punching into his own net. At present the stadium here is clearly a goal-keepers' graveyard, and it is up to Rimmer to ensure that his name is not put on the tablets of despair.

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despair.

Rimmer apart, Villa are not playing well and they will be hard-pressed to win. Their season has been steadily hilling apart mainly because of the poor form of key, men like Little and Deehan,

It is likely that Cowans, a slip of a youth, but gaining in experience all the time, will replace Deehan, and John Gregory, a noncense player from Northampiton Town, signed during the summer, will probably have to replace Cropley and is expected to be an able substitute.

Gillingham close in on third division leaders

Shrewsbury 1 Gilingham closed the gap on Wrexham, the third division feeders, and dented Shrewsbury Town's own promotion hopes after being complayed in the first half. Shrewsbury should have had a useful lead by the interval. but they threw away their scor-ing chaptes and a finely balanced contest eventually turned on a lucky deflectio five minutes after.

A shot from Price, which seemed harmless, clipped a' defender and dropped into the path of Nicholl who neatly tucked away his chance from six yards. Glilingham increased their lead 20 minutes from the price of the control of the co minutes from time.

Shipperley made a decoy run
to the near post for Crabbe's
corner and Richardson was left
free to scoro his eighth goal of
the season. Atkins headed an 86th
minute goal for Shrewshury.

Magri a flyweight with a heavyweight talent

Charile Magri, from Stepney, who has a job to weigh Sat soaking wet, became British flyweight champion on the fortysecond day of his professional career at the Albert Hall, London, last night. Save for the fact that he has probably fought his way clear of all domestic opposition in a three-bout career, Magri brought the division bursting back to life as he stopped Dave Smith, of Rithan, in seven rounds to take the title vacated by John McCluskey, of Scotland. It was the first contest for the flyweight title in this country for more than three years, and anyone who was there would agree that it was worth waiting for.

Magni dominated completely

Magni dominated completely from start to fanish, yet almost at noticeable as his performance was the fact that Smith somehow courage and character to last until 10 seconds from the end of the lo seconds from the end of the seventh, when the referre, Rowland Daidin, at last stepped in to save him from further punishment. Without exception, every round promised to be Smith's last. He had in dig deep into his reserves to survive as long as he did.

Magri, winner of four successive amateur championships before his 21st his hiday four mouths ago, has taken British boving by storm. He is a perfect pale-skinned replica of a lot of the great boxers from the past and professional boxing seems to have lifted him a class above the level to which he had been accustomed

The crowd rose to acclaim this brilliantly talented new prospect.

Hockey England lack aggression

in cup defeat New Delhi, Dec 6.—England lost 1-0 to the Border Security Force team here today in the final of the Nehru hockey tournament. The English team showed little aggression, and the Indians scored the only good in the 31st minute through Tarsem Singh.

Baldev took a long corner and the centre-balf Ajit Pal, pushed it back to Baldev, who passed the ball to Tarsem, who flicked it home.

Except for isolated raids, England failed to penetrate the dep-ludian defence. They dominated the game, keeping the goalkeeper, Taylor, on his toes. He defended dourly and stopped three goal-bound efforts, including one penalty Corper. penalty corner.
This was England's second defeat against this side. They lost 12-1 in a keenly-contested pool two match last week.—Reuter.

Smith also earned his share of the night's credit—for entirely different reasons. From the first constaught, in which be found himself in a hurricane of punishment, Smith knew that he was on a loser. Yet his resistance was beyond the call of duty.

He was on the floor for male in the first round, out of the ring for seven in the third, and down for eight in a tornado of a sixth round, is which his survival could only be accounted a miracle. Then he was on his backside again on the press benches, with only his feet left in the ring, for another eight seconds in the seventh round.

Once again he dragged himself

round.

Once sagin he dragged himself together and threw hopeful punches in Magri's direction, but 10 seconds after getting up from that knockdown the referre stopped it—and about time, too. Smith was not seriously hurt, but he was no point in allowing the one-sided business to go any further. For Magri, a tiny tailor's cutter from East London, it was a dream of a night. His performance raises hopes that a home boxer may be about to flourish again in a division in which Beltain has always had a great tradition. had a great tradition.

Magri began to live up to his advance publicity as soon as the bell went for the first round. Magri, who had won each of his previous two bouts in two rounds, was soon punishing Smith. Within a couple of minutes a left hook had Smith on his back for a coupt had Smith on his back for a count of nine.
The feroclous Magri was deadly

might not survive the opening round. He was under heavy pres-sure throughout, but somehow he restricted Magni to that one knock-

restricted Magri to that one knock-down.

For such a tiny man, Magri's fire-power was amazing, and smith was soon witting again in the second. Desperately trying to protect himself, Smith found little time in which to conjure up an attack of his own.

Magri connected with a straight right and the intense pressure was sustained, asthough Smith was sinally managing to make occasional holes in Magri's defence. Switching his attack to the body, Magri continued Smith's torment and another hig rightfound its way and another hig rightfound its way through to South's chin.

The pace at last settled and Smith found time to joit Magri's head back. Smith found another two good Smith found another two good lefts in the sixth round and the contest wore a faintly different complexion as the underdog fought back. Magri came again and Smith was desperately hard pressed as the punches rained in. He went down on to one knee, but rose immediately. Then a right hard sent Smith sprawling, but he was up again and fighting back almost miraculously when the bell sounded.

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There was more trouble for Smith in the seventh, but he found the spirit to smile grimly as Magri tore into him again. Smith's legs were wobbling and all he could do were hard on and test to spirit to smile some than a smith seventh some than the smile some than the seventh some than the was hang on and try to avoid some

hook to stagger him, and then put him outside the ring again for om outside the ring again for another eight seconds.

The referee allowed Smith about another 10 seconds before stopping the contest after 2min 50sec in round seven. Magri was British

round seven. Magri was British champion in 42 days—a record. Britumar Sen writes:

John L. Gardner (Hackney) and Denton Ruddock (Camberwell) boiled up a suet (or is it sweat?) pudding of an eliminator for the right to meet Billy Aird, and each helped the other to large portions of stodge. Gardner did most of the chasing and the bout was stopped in 25 seconds of the righth round when the referee. Harry Gibbs, decided that Ruddock could take to more. dock could take to more.

Coin Powers, the British lightwelterweight champion, made
beavy weather of an experienced
Filipino, Rudi Barro. He beat him
by 98 points to 94, and not before
the Filipino had exposed Powers
as wilestable in the left hook as vulnerable to the left This was strange, because did not punch particularly hard. He favoured four or five uppercuis in a row, but they usually lacked sting. The Filipheo is supposed to be dangerous early, but after making the sign of the cross at the beginning of the sixth, seemed dangerous all the time. Powers's best rounds were eight and nine, when he turt the Filipino with lefts and rights to the head. The He was an awfully long time to see out the round,

Mottram puts up fierce fight in scorching heat

Billie Jean King, who won the Wimbledon singles championship six times and led the unsuccessful Guillermo Vilas beat Britain's Girllermo Vilas beat Britain's Christopher Motrram, 7—6, 6—3. 6—4 in Johannesburg yesterday to win the South African open tennis men's singles title, but only after a fierce fight.

Mottram played some fine tennis in the scorching heat. His best set was the first when, at 6—6 and leading 3—0 in the tentrough. fight for equal prize money for women at Wimbledon just over a year ago, will know in whether she is any achieving her "goal". through. Then Vilas, an Argentine, took

seven points in a row, showing a class that left no doubt about the eventual outcome of the match. The 21-hour final brought Vilus \$20,750 and Motram \$10,000. In the women's final World Championship Tennis (WCT) and Ejorn Borg have resolved their differences. WCT have dropped their 55.7m law-Bridgitte Cuppers, the number four seed and bolder, was uncertain in all aspects of her play against fellow South African, Linky Boshoff who won 6—4, 6—1. and against Borg. Mike Davies, the WCT executive director, announced in Dallas esterday. WCT filed the suit here last February, accusing Borg of breach of contract.

For the record

Tennis next week

Billiards

Yachting ship First heat: 1. H. Cudmore lireland. Silver Shampack. 2. A. Boutald (NZ). Wayerder: 5. I. Gibbs (NZ). Switzle Suttle

Indians sorry to lose but happy to see the game itself win

Brisbane, Dec 6.—Australia scored a thrilling 16-run victory over India in the first Test match here today, providing a well-timed boost for traditional Test cricket. A crowd of just under 4,000 roared in delight as India were dismissed for 324 just before stumps on the fourth day after being set a winning target of 341. wer India in the first Test match are today, providing a well-timed cost for traditional Test cricket. A fiery six-over spell from Thomson, during which he pook two weakers for 10 runs, gave during set at india were sismissed for 324 just before numps on the fourth day after eling set a winning target of 341.

"It was one of the most thriling Tests I've ever played in and great start to the five Test great start to the five Test other after the defection of Austalia's leading players to Kerry acker's series, said. "I always hought Australia would win, but here were one or two auxious anoments."

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moments."

Little Sunil Gavaskar provided most of the problems for the Australians today as he engineered india's brave riginthack by scoring 113 in 320 minutes. The Indians, who began the day at 51 for one, had reached an encouraging 243 for five when Gavaskar was disfissed after scoring his first century against Australia and his 11th in Test cricket.

The feeling of many players.

11th in Test cricket.

The feeling of many players, officials and spectators here after the nari-biting finish was summed up by India's captain Bishen Bedi:
"We're sorry we lost, but we're glad that cricket has won."

Bedi, who fough: hard in the closing states in an attempt to prevent his side losing for the first time on tour, added: "When we arrived in Australia we knew we had an obligation to keep Test cricket alive, and I think today's Test has succeeded in doing that."

The Indian captain was unbeaten The Indian captain was unbeaten 26 and did his best to prevent handrasekhar, the last man in om gening the strike. But the evitable happened and Changesekhar was forced to face Jefry Thomson. He lasted only three

A fiery six-over spell

Peter Toohey was later singled out for particular praise by Simpson. The New South Wales batsman saved Australia on his first appearance in a Test. In the first innings he scored 82 and he hit a sparkling 57 in the second to support Simpson, Australia's top scorer with 89.

The second Test starts in Perth on December 16.

Authorities put youth under microscope

by Michard Streeton.

The first steps being taken by the committee of inquiry into thior and youth cricket intritude, set up earlier this year by the Cricket Council, were discoped at Lord's yesterday. In cope it is the largest research roject into the game since the puncil was instituted mine years to the stems from concern. go. It stems from concern whether there was any decline in the number of young people playing cricket and whether everything possible was being done on the granuation side to provide facilities and to help improve the provide.

innuards.

Mr F. G. Mann, a former England captain, who is chairman of he inquiry committee, said they toped to be able to produce a wellindnary report by this time start year. As a first step, detailed the time start year. As a first step, detailed the stomatics were being sent to the first class and minor county liabs; to the county cricket associations, who would be asked to east them down to all affiliated widdles; and to the English Schools Ficket Association. Local education authorities and other school and voluntary associations controled with young people's cricket would also be approached.

The inquiry committee did not to any way with work already cricket clubs there are and how being done but they were anxious much cricket is actually played."

to receive answers and advice under five headings. These were organization, facilities, the extent to which cricket was played, finance and cocking. "We attach a special value to suggestions we hope to receive and things we are going to be told by the people who have had first-hand experience in the field we are now investigating." Mr Mann said. "A good response will be a very good thing for cricket as a whole." After the said that, despits everything already being done, there was still a suspicion that more opportunities were needed to encourage young people to play cricket, particularly in the schools. "We all have our own ideas but it is a necessary thing for me to have all the detailed evidence possible." If additional finance was needed in connection with the committee's work, a national cricket lottery was among the suggestions. being considered.

M. D. Vockins, secretary of the considered.

M. D. Vockins, secretary of the Worcestershire county club and a member of the inquiry committee, said that one offshoot arising from their report could be a type of Domesday Book for cricket. "Although the game is now structured no one is really sure how many cricketers and cricket clubs there are and how

ignored by all but Roope

Faisalabad. Pakistan, Dec 6.— Graham Roope helped himself to a hundred in 34 hours as England's a numerous 3 from as England 3 second match of their Pakiena tour against United Banks drifted quietly to a draw on a lifeless pitch here today.

After Roope had made 102 with plich here today.

After Roope had made 102 with 14 fours and a six, Michael Brearley declared England's second innings at 165 for three. This left United Banks to score 240 in two hours and, when the capmins called a halt half an hour early, they were 55 for two.

Roope's innings was just what England needed eight days before the start of the Test series against Pakistan, but there were disappointments, with failsires by Derek Randall, Michael Gatting and lan Botham. A pitch which yielded nothing to the bowlers was the ideal surface for a long innings, but Randall. Gatting and Botham each squandered his chance with a poor stroke. Randall's failure was the biggest blow to England as he has a vital role, batting at No 4.

He pottered about for 26 in 13 hours before giving a catch in gully off Sikandar Bakht. There was a large gap between bat and body as he tried to steer the ball away.

Randall was out at 55 and, after

Randall was out at 56 and, after contributing six to a second-wicket stand of 43. Gatting was caught at second slip as he drove loosely at Nasir Valika. In the next over Botham lofted the ball straight to extra cover before he had scored.

By sensible application. Roope survived comfortably and completed his 50 after 136 minutes with his ninth four. His second 50 took only 74 minutes and included a big six off a left-arm spin howler, Maceum Ahmed, the ball easily clearing the long on

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If was an exhibition that Randall must have watched with mounting frustration. The final shot of his immings was an ungainly defensive stroke but Ken Barrington, England's manager, was more distressed at Randall's continued failure to stand still.

After playing their first match on a rain-affected pitch at Rawalpindi, England encountered conditions here that were far more representative of Pakistain. In three days only 10 wickers fell and only Geoffrey Cope, a Yorkshire spin bowler, took more than one wicket.

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Lloyd asks for release of West Indians

Mielbourne, Dec 6.—Clive Lioyd, the captain of West Indies, said here today that he intended to ack Kerry Packer to release his players from some of their World Series Cricket obligations late next year to allow them to tour Indio.

West Indies are to tour Indio.

The Packer in the space are under three-year contracts to appear In Packer and their board could be the start time in Australia. "I intend negotiating with Mr Packer on the conflict." Lloyd said.

'A spokesman for World Series Cricket said the door was always ogen for such negotiations. "Clicke to said mothing to us, but naturally we would be keen to help if possible", the spokesman said. He added that there had been no itherary drawn up cet for Mr Packer's marches in 1978-79.

The West Indies, said in previous starements that be was willing to compromise to the indian tour, it could be true.

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Bartelski uses tenuous link to escape from wide rift

From John Hennessy Val d'Isère, Dec 6

Konrad Bartelski and Peter Fuchs, two embryonic British ski-ing stars when the world alpine championships were last held four years ago, are among those assembled here in the French Alps lof the first event of the new assembled here in the French Aips log, the first event of the new season (the Critérium de la Première Neige). Neither, alas, salls under British colours. Bartelski is now entered from the Netherlands, Fuchs is his manager.

Fuchs is his manager.

This is the sad sequel to a series of personality clashes that have denuded us of perhaps our two most promising skiers. There are two sides to every quarrel and both sides have made their points at various times. Bartelski was the first to go. Deprived of a British start licence after criticizing Dieter Bartsch, the British trainer, they had become incompatible and one, had become incompatible and one, clearly, had to depart.

common consent, it is not a difficult course to ski (though Fitz-simmons may think otherwise) but hardly surprising that the National Ski Federation at home stood by their trainer, himself a Bartelski nominee. Fuchs, who formed a tight, courageous little team, with Bartelski, Bartelski, Bartelski, Bartelski but has left open a line of communication, so that he could ski for Britain again if he wished.

Bartelski's link with the Netherlands is tenuous indeed. His father, originally Polish, is a naturalized Srives, his mother British by birth. For many years, they lived in the Hague, while his father held a position with KLM as a pilot. The faulty now live in Vienna.

Of the British men here—Alan Stewart. Strugt Fitzinness and

of the British men here—Alan a pessimistic forecast for the morstewart. Smarr Fitzsimmons and David Carguil—Fitzsimmons took a spectacular fall today in downlall tast year. No sport, I suppose, not craining, which, however, left him little the worse for wear. He has a bruised arm and a gashed fore-bead, neither serious enough to

put him out of action. The first men's race is a giant slalom on Saturday, followed by a downhill on Sanday.

Meanwhile, the women com-mand the wintry stage (the falling snow almost obliterates the stately pines) with a downhill tomorrow and a giant slalom (for the first time over two runs) on Thursday. All four races are for the World time over two runs) on Thursday. All four races are for the World Cup, a cumulative grand prix competition culminating with glant slaloms at Arosa. Switzerland, in March. The world championship, on the other hand, is a sudden death competition, to be held at Garmisch-Farrenkirchen. West Germany, at the end of January. It is the FA Cup to the sking World Cup's football league.

The OK course down to La Daille has been running fost until fresh show on the very eye of the

fresh show on the very eve of the Criterium applied a brake, By common consent, it is not a difficult course to ski (though Fitz-simmons may think otherwise) but it is a difficult course to ski well

a pessimistic forecast for the mor-row, poses a headache for the organizing committee, as it did last year. No sport, I suppose, not even cricker, is more at the marcy of the elements than sking. Per-haps it is time Kerry Packer moved in.

Motor racing

Improving Wolf team lift Ferodo Trophy

By John Blunsden

Few with an intimate knowledge
of grand prix racing will dispute
that Walker Wolf Racing are
worthy recipients of the Ferodo
Trophy for 1977, which is awarded
each year-for the Commonwealth's
outstanding contribution to the
sport. The presentation in London
last night came almost exactly a
year after the team had undergone. 2 Complete restructuring. gone a complete restructuring, and at the end of a season in which they had been transformed from one of grand prix racing's backmarkers into a leading contender

Jody Scheckter ended the sea-son as runner-up to Niki Lauda for the world title, having scored three grand prix victories (including his first race with his new team).
The Wolf team's transforma-

tion has undoubtedly been the outstanding feature of the past season, and it has reputedly cost season, and it has reputedly cost its patron, a naturalized Canadlan oil industry tycoon, Sim. But Walker Wolf's money alone has been insufficient, and much of the credit for the success of Scheckter and his Wolf-Ford must go to the teom's designer. Dr Harvey Postlethwalte, whose car has achieved a reliability record which other teams have come to enery, and to the team manager. Peter Warr, who has huilt a cohesion into this Reading-based team which again has been difficult to equal elsewhere.

Nilsson in new team Gunnar Nilsson, who was replaced by his Swedish compatriot, Ronnie Peterson, at Lotus, has joined the new Bletchley-based Ambrosia formula one racing team. Nilsson, the winner of the Belgian Grand Prix last June, and a formula two specialist, Ricardo Patrese, will tackle next year's world championship.

to Cup chance

type of event.

Royal Frolic, the 1976 Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, headed the list of 11 acceptors at the four day stage of declarations yearerday. Siberian Sun, the Irish challenger, is second favourite at 5-1, but Francis Flood, his trainer, has not yet decided whether to let the six-year-old take his chance. Uncle Bing, Even Melody and Current Gold are other interesting acceptors as is Bit of Manny, the winner of his last three races for Miss Susan Morris, a Chard barrister.

Many of these three-year-olds are also engaged in the Summit Junior Burdle at Lingfield Park on the same afternoon, when the Ladbroke Leaders Handicap Hurdle is the main attraction. Kybo, Josh Gifford's Black and

Leicester programme

of Tip the Wink By Michael Seely

Tip the Wink, Par Taylor's who was yesterday backed from 40-1 fo 25-1 for the Champion who proved his well being when slamming. Kas at Chepstow on Saturday, has been installed favourite at 5-2 with William Hill's for the £10,000 Massey. Ferguson Gold Cup at Chelvenham on Saturday. Tip the Wink's simping was skeinty until he warmed to his work, but there was no denying the air of authority with which he won. 10st 10th is a handy sort of weight and the previous season's novices have a good record in this type of event.

White Whisky Hurdle winner, who was yesterday backed from 40-1 fo 25-1 for the Champion installed favourite with the sponsors at 5-2. Second choice in the market at 5-2 with William of the start of the market at 5-2 with William of the search of the market at 5-2 with William of the market at 5-2 with which he won the charket at 5-2 with the sponsors at 5-2 with the sandown Parket at 5-2 with the sponsors at 5-2 with the sandown Parket at White Whisky Hurdle winner

go at the Emplesy Fremer Steeplechase Inst at Haydock This afternoon the main meeting is at Ayr, where because of the firm ground there are only 25 runners in the six races. John O'Nell the Jeading jockey could well have a field day. He can take the Vulmidas Trophy Handicap Steeplechase and the second division of the Lagg novices hurdle for Brian Lusk, an Irish trainer, on Meteorologist and Leirum, respectively. Although Lusk's other runner, Kalahari Desert may be beaten by Coffee Boy, O'Nelli could aiso capture the Dunure Handicap Steeplechase and the Carwinstoch Novices Steeplechase on Skiddaw View and Holly Twist.

Ideal chance Records give pointer | Levy Board should withdraw aid from 18 courses, owner urges

In a hard-hitting and forceful speech at the Gimerack dinner ast night, Julian Wilson, the joint er of this year's winner, Board aid from 18 of the 37 race-

First of all Mr Wilson said his right mind would expect to win votes by staging a campaign

the Levy Buard funds. He suggested that there should be a more than one flat race meeting a day—except on Saturdays—play one National Hunt fixture. The resulf, in his view, would obviously be much richer prizes at the subsidized fixtures, thereby enabling British owners to keep up with foreign competition. Mr Wilson's theories are like a breath of fresh air. But are these

breath of fresh air. But are these currents flowing in the right direction? First of all, no one has yet decided what racing is all about. Is it merely a medium for gambling, which provides large sums of money for the treasury? If so, one can hardly see the Government standing idly by while fixtures are stashed to one a day, thereby reducing their revenue For make no mistakes, the un-ubsidized courses with the few exceptions of those who rould diversity their business activities — apart from racing—would go to the wall. In a few years' time there would be only the subsidized courselves.

On the other hand, is racing about the English thoroughtored regaining the proud position which it once held? If it is would Mr A vastly increased injection of funds to the owners of high class horses would of course be a great help. But it cannot be the real

The Jockey Club and the Levy Board are already taking steps on the Board suggested. Winners of races at Ascot for example can

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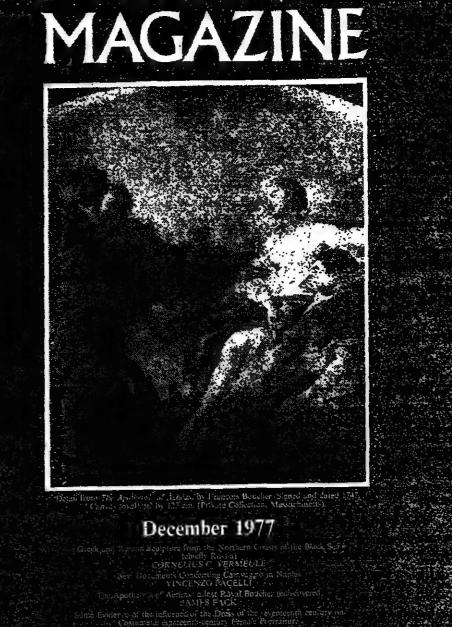
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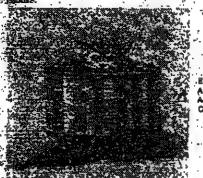
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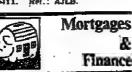
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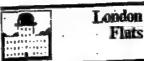
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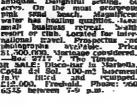
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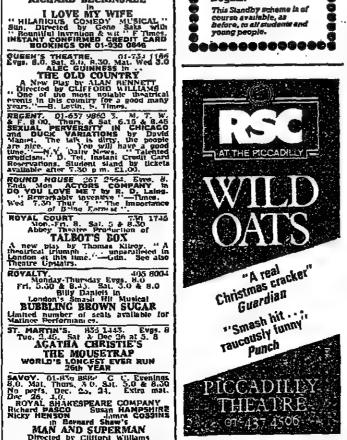
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Sir Alex Guinness as Ben Kenobi Star talk about Star Wars

Britain has been waiting a long time to see Star Wars. It eventually opens at the Dominion and Leicester Square cinemas on December 27 after a trail of news stories listing the records

Guinness looks almost wistful that is exceedingly rere. It was just like being at one's tailor. "Perhaps, just another quarter inch on the cuff." Guinness pulls down his own left cuff, which, being precisely right, from its author, Georga Lucas, inch on need of another quarter inch on the cuff. news stories listing the records that it has broken in America.

A Christmas film? Vas in a "I hadn't met him previously, so I went off and saw his American Graffiti, which I found impressive. Soon after that we came together and he struck me as being a very considerable little person—by that I mean that he is small in stature. In many ways he is outlet A Christmas film? Yes, in a way, because fairy stories in which good triumphs over evil go down well at Christmas. Star Wars does not deal in Star Wars does not deal in shades. The good are terribly good and the bad quits horrid. Of the white men by far the whitest is Ben Kenobi, the last of the Jedi Knights, who has been pushed into exile as the forces of darkness have taken over the galaxies way out yonder. The role was offered to Sir Alec Guinness in Rollywood on the last day of filming Murder By Death.

"The script came through ture. In many ways he is quite untypical of the film industry. When we started work on Star Wars it was all so calm, so gentlemanly. No fat cigars, no rough language. I remember someone on the set criticizing Lucas because of his lack of disclarations and the set of the lack of disclaration and arrangements are the set of the lack of disclaration and arrangements are the lack of disclaration and disclaration are the lack of disclaration and disclara

"The script came through the door and the moment I saw a sci-fi sticker on it I said to myself 'Oh crumbs, it's not for me'. But I started to read and I had to turn the page. It's rather like that..." Guinness points at a copy of John Le Carré's The Honourable Schoolboy lying on the table of his London drawing room. "It had vigour and I finished it at a

sitting."
Was that normal? "No, not at all. But it's a jolly good sign. I don't apply any professional technique, if that's the word, technique, if that's the word, when I read scripts. But if I'm held then I think there's a chance the public will be held too. Probably the last time I went through a film script so swiftly was when James Kennaway's Tunes of Glory came into my hands. And then there was Kind Hearts and Coronats..." my hands. And then the Kind Hearts and Coronets....

LPO/Haitink

Festival Hall

Paul Griffiths

It was not inappropriate, in view of recent events, that Monday's concert by the London Philharmonic Orchestra should have included a work associated with a republican leader who

declared himself emperor. Beerhoven's Eroica Symphony

thus appeared more topical than the new work on the programme, Lutoslawski's Mi-parti, Mi-parti, is typical of the which was receiving its first London performance.

Polish master's later music in

rousn masters later music in its elegance of sound and shape. The composer notes that his ritle indicates "two equal but different parts", which is not a description of the music's

form but rather a statement of its underlying principle. The ideas are often in two sections, antecedent and consequent so

to speak, and the whole work

seems to be urged upwards to its climax by the tensions be-tween different forces, between slithering string harmonies and bundles of woodwind melodies,

Two months ago, at Snape,

against strong competition,

Peter Knapp won the first

Benson and Hedges gold award

for concert singers; a part of his prize was a London recital

Knapp/Vignoles

Wigmore Hall

William Mann

exchanges.

register, atrong in the lowest tones, extending fluently up-wards to a pleasant, tenorish

top (in the opera house it rings and glows when necessary). The harpist's "Wer nie sein Brot" showed real care for vocal nuance, the song to the Dioscuri

a true legato line naturally

supported. Each song was instantly

characterized, not always to the full: "An die Nachtigall"

needs a more wooing approach than mere contentment, "Bei

dir allein" more of enthusiasm,

was in the folksongs that Mr Knapp brought his artistry fully

into play, acting with his voice,

exercising wit, playing with melodious line, even whistling in the coda to "The Plough-boy". He ended in character

with a beautifully sung, strongly projected account of Schubert's difficult "Litanei".

display and announcing that the film was going to be dull. So I took him aside and said 'Mark my words, this film is going to have distinction'. "Like all the best directors Lucas had very little to say during the actual filming.. He simply sensed when you were uncomfortable and just walked across and dropped a brief word in your ear. It was almost like

being on stage: good actors don't like being told how to act and they become worried if they are made to feel merely

" Before we even started there was another gesture which

critics. for instance, or between the forceful momentum of the brass music and the spaces of those passages that involve the whole orchestra in bappy, consulted characteristics.

was much more gesture which was much more pert of the theare than the film business, which is scarcely noted for its modesty. Lucas brought the costones across to London himself to see if I liked them and he come to all the fittings Now. he came to all the fittings. Now

Avenue, where Guinness is appearing in Alan Bennett's The Old Country under, as usual, Michael Codron's aegis. This link dates back to Simon Gray's first play Wise Child, which Guinness defended flercely against all the attacks that were launched against it by the critics. gainst all the attacks that were aunched against it by the are many, many axceptions.

"I hadn't met Codron before Lucas with ruffled feathers."

"The day before Star Wars opened in America George Lucas telephoned me and said

John Higgins

Wise Child came slong. It was sent by my agent who com-mented that there was no chance of my wanting to do it. After five minutes' reading I was convinced that I should. Codron has literary taste and that is why I get on with him." Apart from the Codron con-

Apart from the Codron connexion Guinness gives the impression of liking to work on
stage with the same people,
a Guinness family. This brings
a strong deutal.

"Oh, I don't think there's a
family at wil. It's simply that at
my advenced age when two
people are under consideration
for the same part I simply inquite who is the nicer person.
There might be a shade more
talent in the chippy one, but
the nicer man is always better
at conveying enjoyment to the

Lucas telephoned me and said in his regular quiet, diffident way 'Do you know I chink we got rather a success. The press quite like it.' In his total concentration, in his reliance on both his eye and his ear he reminded me of the young David Lean. I always had the feeling that, like Lean, deep down he was totally involved in the action. Of course there was none of the Lean star-quality, the hugh when The Director at conveying enjoyment to the audience. I always say: 'Let's have lovely people to work with.' none of the Lean star-quanty, the hush when The Director Is On Set. But there is the sensation that life can only be a piece of celluioid. Lucas is completely wrapped up in the cinema, he is only happy talking film. Lean is a bit like that, too, but he is interested in horticulture, or attractors and

"But actors are much calmer nowadays. When I began in theatre there were acreaming rows, bysteria. I remamber rerows, bysteris. I remember reheersing my very first play,
Libel, at the King's, Hammersmith, and one of the cast
speaking the line: "You with
kindly sit over there." The
reply came back: 'No, I will
not. I'm going tome, I've a bus
to catch. It could not happen
now. The bysteria has passed
to the directors. Once they
were there to smooth the actors
down and now it is the other in horticulture, ornithology and listening to Beachoven's Seventh as well. My only worry with Lucas is that the cinema system will force bim into a series of follow-ups to Star Wars. He should resist that. The conversation switches from Hollywood to Shaftesbury Avenue, where Guinness is apdown and now it is the other way round. We have to do the calming. They come off some course or other and try to use you to prove theories someone else has fed them. Naturally,

Anyway, they fied Ulster after two bullets were posted to them. The songwriters then got a touch of luck when they were invited to write the Irish song for the Eurovision Song Contest. The real scene of black comedy came when their singer.

to women Kiss and Kill

The in the

Violence

Round House Downstairs

Ned Chaillet

The borough of Camden, now presenting London's first women's festival at the Action Space Drill Hall, is also responsible for bringing Monstrous Regiment. Britain's leading feminist theatre group, to the Round House Downstairs. Since their impressive play about the Paris commune, Scum, the com-pany have been evolving a style over the past couple of years that is congenial, intelligent and recognizably their own, presenting a woman's viewpoint on historical and contemporary society.

Kiss and Kill is modern, mainly about men's violence to women, but optimistic and broadminded despite the inclusion of vicious telephone calls from a wife-beating husband to his extranged wife. The band to his estranged wife. The authors, Susan Todd and Ann Mitchell, also nearly include a Mitchell, also nearly include a fight between a man and a woman, but they let another man step between the combatants to prevent it. Because the company have historical and psychological perspectives, they go some way to protect men from appearing as unmitigated villains, perhaps too far.

Fairness has diffused the play's action into several bours of variously entertaining scenes which only slowly cohere into a complete picture. A trapped housewife is left to smoulder into the fire of a liberated woman while her husband, a militant stade unionist, dallies with a free-thinking woman journalist. The journalist, in turn, enjoys the pacific qualities of the husband's fishing companion, an American Viesnam veteran, who recounts the horrors of the restment of women in that war. Fairness has diffused the

There is also a mistress scheming to separate a man from his wife and a reenage daughter who travels with a pack of girls, very like a boys' geng. All these events, and more connect and overlap and paint a picture of a society in which violence is inescapable, but where the mein enemies are but where the main enemies are men and women who should be alkies in a fight egainst their own oppression. Hope is painted very large, but there should perhaps be more of a schism between the resilty of male brutality and what the company

sees as possible. Susan Todd's direction wisely balances the few sudden expo-sures of grief and pain with much humour, though she might have trimmed the text. It is a good company, giving con-vincing performances, and Josefina Cupido supplies a musical score and jazz commen-tary which she sings admirably.

A Bit of Rough Soho Poly

Ned Chaillet

Whether it is the gradual per-culation of equal rights into the theatre or one desire of female audiences to hear voices which speak of their own experience, speak of their own experience, there has been a marked rise in plays written by women in the past year. A Bit of Rough is the third new play by a woman playwright to open in Londonin the past two days, and presents, in a manner which most male writers would be hard pressed to emulate, a conflict between a woman and her lover eafter the woman reveals that moment to be caught in one of those Bob Hope and Bing Crosby Road movie situations. efter the woman reveals that she has been raped.

Although Gilly Fraser builds Although Gilly Fraser builds up some tension over the circumstances of the rape and the identity of the repist, I do not think I shall be spoiling any of the drama by revealing that the rapist is Julie's estranged husband, a bourgeois poet. The effect of the revelation on the audience is insignificant compared with the effect on her working-class lover, and there test. The real scene of black comedy came when their singer, Monagh (Frances Tomelry), who has just heard that her lover has been killed in Belfast, was on stage in a frightful blonde wig singing one of those typical Eurovision non-songs. Miss Tomelry looked like a painted corpse who somehow managed to get up and sing. There was true black comedy there. working class lover, and there working class lover, and there Miss Fraser uses each successive revelation to ring changes on traditional male reactions.

on traditional male reactions.

Ray is first aroused to see
Julie wash her crotch on her
return from a party, then all
concern when he learns she has
been raped. When he discovers
that Julie knew her rapist, his
attitude changes sharply. He
blames her for leading the man
on, suggesting that for being
attractive she deserves what she
gets. He is finally convinced
that she must have enjoyed it
because, "you respond like i
little darkin" to bein' abused".
When he finally learns that it
was her husband he is all male
solidarity, deciding it was a
debt she owe!.

Miss Fraser creetes a believ-

farty recipe

Miss Fraser creetes a believ-Miss Fraser creates a believable environment for the battle, fully captured by Peter Hartwell's design for a basement flat adorned with relics of the 1950s, but by using a working class made as her symbol of masculinity she makes the couffict too schematic, a treatise on passion rather than a passionate play. Her details are realistic, as Ray is a seller of records of the 1950s and lives in nostengia for a time when in nostalgia for a time when women were women barefoot contessas all of them, and men were simply masters, but the

male versus female position be comes too clear for the 1970s. It is, however, dramatic stuff, well observed, though too indisputable in its argument that men consider women as property. Trevor Eve brings some needed ambiguity and stiffed sensitivity to Ray while Carole Hayman proceeds directly to her logical end. The unobtrastive direction is by Max Stafford Clark. It is, however, dramatic stuff;

Black comedy with music

Catchpenny Twist

trolled chaos.

This performance was vary deftiy handled by Bernard Hairink, who both relished the beauty of Lutoslawski's inventions and brought out their inner life, carefully moulding the electron sections without BBC 1

the aleatory sections without destroying their freedom. The LPO responded jubilantly to the many opportunities offered to individuals and small groups. Stanley Reynolds

Stewart Parker's play, Catchpenny Twist, about a song writing team who get caught up After that magnificent con-certo for orchestra, Stephen Bishop-Kovacevich's closely studied account of Mozart's C in the Leish troubles was subtitled, "A comedy with music". It seemed rather a during thing for Mr Parker, a Belfast Pro-testant, aged 35, and indeed for the BBC to do because Northern Ireland is not the stuff come-

minor piano concerto might have fallen flat, had it not been that his even playing soon encouraged, one to attend to the deeper currents flowing beneath the surface. His own cadenzas, quietly searching and shorn of all flamboyance, per-haps contained the key to his approach. Mr Haitink, who was unwilling to intrude too much into his soloists's calm com-munion with the work, still contributed many nicely con-trolled textures and rhythmic The voice is a dark baritone, firm and incisive in its middle

Ireland is not the stuff comedies are made of particularly not musical comedies.

But the subtirle was misleading. The play had its humorous moments. There was one in perticular when Sam Dale and Jerarid Murphy, the songmiters, suddently found they had run fout of both IRA and the "loyakists" because they had been knecking out patriotic ballads for both sides just to earn a few quid. The comedy here was in the innocence of the two. They seemed for a fault.

War Requiem Westminster Cathedral

A building like Westminster Cathedral can add much to the atmosphere of a performance of Britten's War Requiem and those who braved the arctic

such as the singer brought to "Der Schiffer". After a cautious start Mr Knapo's German was authoritative and savoury, like his English in the Britten half of the programme.

There the Blake songs were interpreted with much sensibility and a correct measure of irony, the proverbs treated with easy flexibility, not too studied; the singer's intonation some-times sounded questionable. It

smooth, slow measures of the Annus Dei and in more reverberant passages, although several biemishes in the final movement could not be hidden. Sir David manogevred the build-up to and within the final Libera Me to perfection without

Barry Millington

temperatures there on Monday were rewarded with a deep-felt interpretation by Sir David Willcocks and the Bach Choir.

The generous acoustics of the cathedral were used well by the choir and their lively articulation of the staccato Dies Irae ensured that the sense of such passages was not lost, while a sinister echoing of "Quam Olim Abrahae" effectively followed Owen's grotesque parody of Abraham's sacrifice.

The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra also benefited in the group below measures of the

sacrificing any rhythmic vitality in the Offertorium or dramatic urgency in the Dies Irae. The tenor soloist, as in the

In the end, however, with the songwiters receiving a bomb along with the congratu-latory telegrams something seemed missing. I understand

that the play, originally written for the stage, had been toned down for television. Maybe it

was the toning-down and not Mr Parker's craft that was at

1962 premiere, was Peter Pears. Especially moving was the simplicity of his delivery of the failing phrases of the Agnus Dei, balanced by the appealing rhyming line on the final Dona Nohis Pacem.

His easygoing "We laughed", in the second of Owen's interspersions in Dies Irae conflicted momentarily with John Shirley-Quirk's rendering, but otherwise the solo tenor and baritone were in perfect accord with each other and with the fervent protestations of the poet.

Pelicity Lott's effortless intertwining of the soprano solo Benedictus Qui Venit around the lines of the choral comthe lines of the choral commentary suggested a role of a passionately concerned on looker rather than a participant, an effect reinforced by her standing within the body of the choir; she was also able to rise tellingly to the heights of expression in the "Lacrimosa". The RCM's junior department provided an efficient semi-chorus.

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Katie Stewart offers some suggestions to help you to cope with the Christmas cooking and brighten up the festive table this year

Choosing between flesh and fowl

If your choice is a frozen bird this Christmas remember that all poultry must be completely thawed before cooking. Turkeys can take a considerable time to do this, so don't be caught out by not starting soon enough. A large bird of over 12th will take at least 48 hours to thaw in a cool larder; allow 2430 for one up to 12lb, even a large chicken or good capon of about 6lb will require up to 24 hours. Remove from the box or carton but leave in the freezer bag to prevent drying out, and as soon as the flesh is pliable remove the giblets from inside, as this aids thawing. Do not switch poultry from one temperature to another, leave it in a steady, cool temperature—the garage is excool temperature—the garage is ex-cellent. When completely thawed (you can tell by the soft feel of the flesh and there will be no signs of ice crystals in the body carrier par dry with saper towelling to remove moisture and refrigerate (2 possible) until ready to cook, for it is now highly nerishable and carnet be kenhighly perishable and cannot be kent

It is essential to thaw all poultry for the simple reason that the flesh must be completely cooked and any

Lemon and parsley stuffing

40z butter: 402 white breadcrumbs: Finely grated rind of Tlemon;

Pinch dried thyme or marjoram ; Salt and freshly milled pepper.

This stuffing is really green

breadcrumbs, lemon rind and herbs into a basin. Using a fork stir in the melted butter and

of not cooking properly. A joint of pork, for the same reason, must be thave different opinions with regard to beef or lamb. My own feeling is that all meat should be thawed, then rogsting times can be as for fresh meat. On good authority I am told that joints of meat on the bone will successfully cook from frozen-

bone acts as a heat conductor, but boned and rolled cuts should never be because of the density of the joint, be because of the density of the joint, nor should any cut of meat over 6lb in weight since it is difficult to calculate the cooking times and prevent the outside from being overcooked before the inside is thawed. Steady, slow thawing times give best results the cooking times give best results a consider the cooking times. for meat so allow a period of 24-48 hours in the refrigerator. An excellent tip where pork is concerned is to score the rind when the joint is still frozen and firm.

still frozen areas might be in danger

Christmas could be the occasion to go for a good sized cut of beef when you can plan on serving it for more than one meal. A joint on the bone has an improved flavour and it roasts you must select a joint of 41b or more in weight, anything smaller is difficult for a butcher to cut and will have too high a proportion of bone

to meat to be satisfactory. A prime cut of sirloin or wing ribs of heef on the bone would be marvellous, cuts like these have a good natural covering of fat and will be more tender as a result. If you set the joint so that the fat is uppermost it will automatically baste the joint as it cooks and will provide you with delicious drippings for the gravy. The traditional method of sealing the outside in a hot oven gives seef a lovely flavour and is the best method if you like your meat pink in the middle—best if you want to serve it cold because the flesh stays moist and cuts beautifully. I find a cooking time of 15 minutes per lb tor a large inint on the bone

is just right. First impressions count for a good First impressions count for a good deal and any guests would admire a glazed joint of gammon or bacon. You can cut out the traditional overnight soaking if you bring the joint to the boil from cold, then pour away the water and recover with fresh cold water. Add a bay leaf or sprig of rosemary and do not forget an orange or onion stuck with a clove for flavour. Bring to a simmer, cover and cook gently allowing 30 minutes per lib. To finish off neel the cind and cook gently allowing of minutes per ib To finish off peel the rind away and spread the fat with French mustard and then coat generously with demerara sugar.

Stand the joint in a baking tin and crisp off in a hot oven (400°F or gas 6) for 15 minutes. Add a tablespoon of water to the baking tin so that any glaze that drips off will not caremeize on the hot tin. If you prefer the traditional crumbed finish remember that you will get extra piquancy if a rinch of cinnamon or ground allspice and dry mustard is mixed with the crumbs. Let the joint cool completely and give it a glamour finish with clusters of grapes dipped in egg white and then in sugar. Or stud the glazed surface with pieces of pin-apple fixed with a clove, or surroused it with canned peach halves filled with cranberry or red-current jelly.

For a turkey a slow steady roasting temperature gives the best results and keeps the flesh tender and surculent. Make sure that your bird is properly trussed with the bird is properly trussed with the wings twisted forward and under and the legs and drumsticks tied down close to the body so they stay in place, otherwise they will rise up during roasting and dry out in the oven. I usually undo any burcher's thready and resew my bird tightly and a length of string.
This year try roasting your autkey

with a covering of butter mucho in series stead of kitchen foil. You can baste better

bird beautifully through muslin and it is a particularly good method for any turkey that you want to serve cold because the flesh remains very moist and at the same time takes on a magnificent golden colour. Rub the breast of the bird with salt for a crisp skip and then spread liberally with soft butter-about 2-30z. Cover with a piece of double thickness butter muslir, cut the right size 10 drape over the bird and protect it complyiely. Set in a slow oven (325) F or gas 3) for the whole of the roast-ing tiese and allow 25 minutes per lb up to 12lb, and 20 minutes per lb for a 5.1d over 12lb Base the bird with the hot butter and drippings in the fin without removing the muslin. The muslin soaks up the butter and holds it over the bird, gradually letting it run back into the tin. When the muslin is dry, baste again—once an hour should be about right. Leave an nour should be about right. Leave the covering in place until the very end, it will become quite dark in colour but when you lift it away, the turkey will be golden under-

When your roast joint of beef or turkey is finally cooked turn off the oven heat (or take it out) and allow te stand for at least 15 minutes so that the flesh has a chance to

Quick recipe

ticularly if it is nourishing enough to make a light meal, can be very comforting and homely when there is a surfeit of rich foods around. Scotch broth is nice because there are bits in it to eat and with a buttered soft roll or crusty bread it would make an excellent inbetween meal at Christ-

Scotch broth

Serves 6 llb nerk, breast or flank of mutton or lamb, or a beef

pints water; level teaspoons sait;

20z dried peas, soaked overloz pearl barley;

Ilb prepared diced vegetables -carrot, turnip leek and at least 1 onion for flavour: Freshly milled pepper:

You will find one breast o lamb is just about the right amount for this soup. Rinse the meat under cold water, cut into two or three pieces and place in a good sized saucepan. Add the water, salt, and the drained soaked peas. Put the pearl barley in a cup, pour in a little boiling water to scald (takes away the cloudiness). stir and drain. Add to the past

and bring the soup to the boil. Once boiling skim the liquid well and lower the heat to a simmer. Add the diced vegetables. At this stage all root vegetables go in and green vegetables are reserved for later-like the green of the leek, or any shredded cabbage
— and if you prefer to use
frozen peas in place of dried,
these would go in later, too. Cover the pan and let soup simmer for two hours. bones. Discard any skin or for and return the chopped up meat to the soup. Add the shredded green of the leek and any frozen peas, if used. Cook for a further 10 minutes.

Stuffing

Don't feel you have to stuff the body cavity of your narkey when you could find that stuffing in the neck and is quite sufficient. Its easier to calculate accurate roasting if the body is not filled to capacity with a stuffing which sends to extend the stuffing which a sends to extend the stuffing which a sends to extend the sends the stuffing which tends to extend cooking times. Try putting a cur-up apple, orange or lemon inside the bird to flavour and go for something a little unusual to put in the neck end only. Scottish oatmeal stuffing -

1 medium onion : 60z medjum oarmeal; 3oz shredded beef suet;

Salt and freshly milled pepper. Oanneel has a delicious nutry serve a bread sauce, too, if you choose this one. Peel and finely chop the onion and add to the oatmeal and suct. Sesson with

tablespoons finely chopped

with lots of parsley and is very light because it's bound with

Basic recipe

saverin an room
in itself a saverin is quite
plain, the flavour comes from
the sweet rum syrup used for
soaking so that it is completely saturated and deliciously moist to eat. With a fruit and whipped cream filling this would make a marvellous dinner party des-sert. As a bonus it keeps moist io: several days in the refrigera-tor. Or the baked but unsoaked savarin can be frozen, then re-bested in a moderate oven until

Serves 6-8

6 oz plala flour : level taaspoon salt : oz fresh yeast or 2 level tea-poons dried yeast and 1 level

teaspoon sugar; 6 tablespoons milk; 2 large eggs; 2 oz butter, melted

For the soaking syrup S oz castor sugar : i pint water : Juice of 1 lemon :

3 tablespoors rum.

Choose a ring mould that holds about one and a half pint capacity and butter it well, fingers are best for this since they get into all the corners which can be important if a fluted mould is used. Spoon a little flour into the mould and shake it all over to cost then shake it all over to coat, then

Sift the flour and salt into a mixing basin and sait into a mixing basin and set in a warm place. Blend the fresh yeast with the warm milk, stir in the beaten eggs and pour into the centre of the flour—do not mix, just sprinkle a little flour on top. Cover with a cloth and leave in a warm place for about 20 migutes, or until the

about 20 minutes, or until the

turn upside down and knock

face and looks spongy. If using dried yeast mix in a bowl with the sugar and hand hot milk. Cover and set aside until frothy in the eggs and add to the sifted

flour.

Mix the ingradients by hand

mix the ingradients by hand or with a wooden spoon, Add the melted butter and best well to a soft glossy batter. Pour the batter into the prepared ring mould and spread evenly. Put to prove inside a baggy polythene bag until the mixture has doubled in size or, has almost the control of the distribution. reached the top of the dn. Bake above centre in a hot oven (400 deg F or gas 6) for 20-30 minutes—test it like a cake, by running a skewer through the centre and if it comes out clean the savarin is cooking prepare the savarin to a saucepan and stir over low heat to dissolve the sugar. Bring up to the boil and simmer gently for 8 minutes to concentrate the syrup, Draw off the heat and add the lemon juice and rum.

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Turn the baked savarin out of the tin and quickly wipe out the mould with a clean cloth. Pour the hot rum syrup into the savarin mould and replace the savarin so that it floats on the syrup. After a few minutes the savarin will have absorbed the syrup like a sponge and settled back into the tin. Turn out onto a serving dish and leave in a cool place until ready to finish off. Fill with a mixture of whipped cream and mixture of whipped cresm and fruit—fresh, or tinned pears or peaches, well drained and sliced, mandarin oranges or stoned cherries are nice. So are halved and seeded grapes, orange segments or diced melon and thawed raspberries from the freezer Reserve some from the freezer. Reserve some of the fruits for a decoration round the top. You can fill the centre with fruits and serve whipped cream separately if

Party recipe

Why not plan on serving a buffet of Christmas cold meats with something that has plenty of flavour and acts as a good foil—like a Swedish herring salad. This one, with a basis of rollmop herrings, diced apple and bestroot all tossed in a soured cream and mayonnaise dressing that takes the pink Chlour of the heavest winter and the control of the colour of the beetroot juice, can look really good it is a dish that would suit the family, 100. On its own the herring salad is delicious with slices of buttered brown or rye bread and a green salad. The taste developes nicely over 24 hours so you can make

Swedish herring salad Serves 6

3 pickled berrings or herring rollmops-see note; 402 diced cooked beetroot; Soz diced cooked potato: onion finely chopped;

dessert apple, peeled and chopped: carron soured cream:

2 tablespoons mayonnaise; Salt and freshly milled pepper; Lettuce and 2 hard boiled exes for garnish.

Cur the herring into bite sized pieces, and mix with the pre-pered bestroot, potato, onion, and apple—sometimes a choppea up dill pickled cucumber or a few gherkins can be added. Fald in the soured cream and mayonnaise gently

so as not to break up the herrings. Season well with salt and pepper and chill. Serve the herring salad on a bed of the herring salad on a bed of lettuce leaves and garnish with segments of hard boiled east. Note: You can buy or cook your own herring rollmops. They are very easy and quick to prepare. In fact, your own herring rollmops served with wedges of lemon, brown bread and house and a great salad. and butter and a green salad would be another alternative buffet dish to bear in mind. Rollmops must be cooked at least 24 hours in advance be-cause the herrings firm up as they cool in the liquor and are easier to handle. Find a suitable sized casserole in which to pack the herrings rightly so

ney keep a good shape. Ask the fishmonger to clean fresh herring for you, slitting them down the belly. Open each one out and press down the back to loosen the bone. Then when you turn them over you when you turn them over you should find the bone pulls out quite easily. Snip side fins away with scissors. Season the inside of each with salt and pepper and roll up rightly, packing them into the casserole as you do each one. Combine as you do each one. Combine
equal parts malt vinegar and
water—about \(\frac{1}{2} \) pint is about
right for quantity, and pour
over the herring. Add a bay
leaf or slice of onion for
flavour. Cook them in the covered casserole in a moderate oven (350 deg F or gas 4) for 45 minutes. Keep in the liquid overnight until quite cold so that they absorb the flavour. Serre by lifting out of the liquid.



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This dangerous folly of ratting on Europe: what has happened to honour?

British Commissioners of the EEC, recently delivered a most interesting speech on the nature and achieve ments of the Community, which has given me cause for reflection. And since I think it may give others cause for reflection, too, I shall summarize his remarks before going on to make

He first drew attention to what is obvious enough, yet cannot be too often repeated; one of the most remarkable and heartening aspects of the postwar world has been the recon-ciliation between France and Gerciliation between France and Germany. That, of course, was largely due to the leadership of their compries offered by Aderauer and de Gaulle, but it was within the framework of the Community that it took place. The Customs Union of the EEC may not be as remarkable an achievement as that, but it is sufficiently significant to be worth remarking upon, as is the common negotiating position so frequently achieved by the Nine in international affairs. Mr Tugendhat also points the affairs. Mr Tugendhat also points the contrast between the ruined and ravaged state of Europe at the end of the Second World War and the truly astounding comparative prosperity that now reigns throughout the Community, so that there is already a queue of three pations—Greece, Portugal and Spain—all of which have recently abandoned or overthrown dictatorships, to join the EEC. An even greater contrast than that between present-day and immediate postwar Western Europe is that between the EEC and most of the rest of the world, and as Mr Tugendhat

of the world, and as Mr Tugendhat points out, the principal difference is

n the democratic political system which exists within the EEC and that

oes not exist in so many countries lsewhere. (Indeed, a glance at a list f the world's nations reveals that

something like a quarter of the globe's pitifully small number of full democracies are to be found within the EEC.) He does not of course, claim that the EEC nations are democratic because they are in the EEC, but he can legitimately declare that

One of the great and guiding Insights of the Founding Fathers of men like Robert Schuman, Alcide di Gasperi, Jean Monnet and Konrad Adenauer—was their recognition that if leading demorecognition that if leading demo-cratic nations of Europe dared to transcend their ancestral rivalries, and to enter an entirely new relationship, in which each brought the best of its individual traditions to bear upon the construction of a greater whole, then, in addition to eliminating the prospect of armed conflict between them, those nations would also immeasurably fortify the individual freedoms and rights which each of them which each of them

What, however, the Founding Fathers failed to anticipate was that while their policies would be rewarded with success, the attempt of others outside Western Europe would all too often meet with failure. . . We must show that freedom and democracy can be achieved in practice on a lasting basis. We have to show that this can be done more easily and effectively when proud nations are willing to forget ancient animosities and to cooperate with their

neighbours. Now I did not come among you today merely to act as fugelman to Mr Tugendhat, or even to the EEC. I have something of my own to add. And that something stems from the

would hardly claim any great originality for the view he put forward, and the miserable, cowardly and frequently shifty attitude to the EEC displayed by the British Govern-

Britain is a member nation of the EEC. What is more, he people voted her into the Community by a majority of approximately seven to three. Recent opinion polls suggest that that majority has, at any rate temporarily, dwindled or even vanished entirely. And the fault must lie with the And the fault must be with the Government that claims to be acting as the representatives of a loyal member-state of the Community, but has in fact virtually washed its hands, on nothing more admirable than party-political grounds, of its duty to see that Britain's membership becomes and remains a living

preality.

Mr Callaghan—and Mr Healey, and

Dr Owen, and even Mrs Williams—
make no serious attempt to put the
case for the EEC before the British public and keep it there. Not do they do anything to counter the persistent

have inadvertently done an

injustice to Messrs Trewin Copple-

stone, the firm responsible for the

physical production of Harry Golom-

bek's Encyclopaedia of Chess, pub-

lished by Bassford, which I wrote

dished by Baisford, which I wrote about last week. I draw shocked attention to the fact that the spine and boards of the book bore neither the title, nor the name of the author (nor for that matter of the publishers), so that without the dust cover it looked "like a rather nasty ledger, entirely black and entirely blank". Trewin Copplestone assure me that of the thousands they have printed this was true of only four,

seem to regard Britain's membership of the EEC, and their own duties in relation to it, as an opportunity to damage the Community and to ensure that Britain is regarded as an untrustworthy member. untrustworthy member.
You do not have to recall the affair of the tachygraph regulations which, regarded as admirable and useful in themselves by the Government, as well as obligatory on Britain under the terms of her membership, are not being introduced in Britain because Mr Jack Jones and Mr Alan Law have forbidden the Minister of Transport to have anything to do with them; you only have to look at the present poltrounery of Mr

campaign by Lahour's left (whose members have no intention of

accepting their overwhelming defeat in the democratic decision of the

referendum, and among whom the subtrantial fellow-travelling segment

are anyway opposed to the EEC only because the Soviet Union is) to destroy public confidence in Britain's

membership almgether. Mr Callaghan, indeed, does nothing even to curb the activities of those Ministers who

which they had given to Batsford in that condition, as advance copies. Batsford, however, gave one to The Times, which the Literary Editor passed on to me, bearing no indica-The Times, which the Literary Editor passed on to me, bearing no indication that it was an infinished copy; nor was unithing said, either to the Literary Editor or to me, to that effect. I therefore assumed, and I was entitled to, that it was in the condition in which the book would be sold. I am very glad to assure my readers that the professional reputation of Trewin Copplestone stands secure, and I have added another appendix to my forthcoming monoappendix to my forthcoming monograph; Publishers: Their Cause and

general over the direct elections issue "I am their leader; I must follow them." Thus, Mr Callaghan. But if that is to be his slogan, why did Sir Harold Wilson ever bother to 20? As I have said before, changing Minister announces that he is bow-ing to the undoubted wishes of the ng to the undoubted wistes of the electorate and setting out to remove Britain from the REC. But there are those woh care more for Britain's interest and Britain's honour than he gives any sign of doing, and if there are any of them left in his Cabiner. they might give some thought, and even action, to standing up for both.

horses in midstream is a proverbially empty exercise, but changing weasels is much more so. Sir Harold himself ratted on Labour's EEC commitment is much more so. Sir Harold himself ratted on Labour's EEC commitment twice; but when the country had pulled his chestnuts out of the fire for him, he did not rar again. Mr Callaghan, who goes further every day to bear out my description of him as having all of Sir Harold Wilson's worst characteristics with none of the good ones, appears to have devised an entirely new method of ratting, and one which in its character out-Wilsons Wilson, too. He lets member's of his party and of his Government do their best to make Britain's continuing membership of the EEC impossible, though he knows the dangerous folly of his conduct, and he does nothing to stop Britain's fellow-members from deepening their distrust and even contempt for Britain's artitude. What is more, he knows perfectly well what he is doing; no doubt he takes refuge from the knowledge, in this field as in so many others, by murmuring "Aprés moi, le déluge". And no doubt he will indeed be safely retired by the time some Labour Prime Minister announces that he is bowing to the undoubted wishes of the

Callaghan, and his Government in

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Ghana's strongman plays the presidential game

tary ruler of Ghana, was behaving exactly like a presi-dential candidate, the American reporter beside me kept saying. We were at Peki, a remote town in the Volta Region, where about 3,000 people, including 25 chiefs and subchiefs under colourful umbrellas of state, had gathered in a big square beneath the palm trees to honour the general at a durbar.

A small, lively figure in dark classes, the general walked ight round the square, waving white handkerchief in a white handkerchief in response to the cheers and shaking hands with the chiefs and anyone else he recognized

"pressing the flesh", the
American muttered. Traditional
drumming in one corner vied
with the police band playing
excerpts from The Marriage of
Figare in the other.

Security was at a minimum, with the crowd showing great friendliness and warmth towards the general. Posters were displayed supporting union government. "The party system is dead", said one carried by a small girl.

This was the and as a fine

This was the end of a five-day tour of the Volta Region, with durbars every day, and the general has completed similar tours of most other regions. He is certainly campaigning hard to get his union government plan accepted in a referendum to be held on March 30.

The big question is whether he is in fact siming to be a first no-party elections to be held under a new constitution in 1979. This is repeatedly sugin 1979. This is repeatedly sug-gested by his supporters, follow-ing the example of Anthony at: the feast of Lupercal. As the Pair durbar it was part of a prayer made during the tradi-tional libration to please the gods. The general snade no public reply.

However, in a written enswer

to a question that I submitted to a question that I submitted to him, General Acheampong certainly did not rule out the possibility. He wrote: "If the people whom I represent today as Head of State and Chairman of the willow Summer 2011. of the ruling Supreme Military Council decide to nominate me as a presidential candidate, fine -I may have to consider such an offer on its merit." Some critics might feel that it would be an anomalous way of returning to civilian rule sil that happened was that General Acheampong, Read of State, became Mr Acheampong, President, It would certainly reinforce the suspicions of the professionals that the whole truion government exercise was simply a way to "legitimize" military rule.

The idea is also abhorrent to some of the general's supporters. Dr G. Korangteng-Addow, the Attorney-General, and chairman of the committee that re-ported on what form union govoment should take, said in a

at the idea of the general stand-ing for election. His committee had rejected proposals for the army to have an automatic role in a future union government, apart from representation on an advisory Council of State; but it agreed that a military man should be free to stand for office if he resigned from the army. However, Dr Korangteng-Addow made it clear to me that his committee had definitely visualized a civilian taking over the government in 1979.

The Attorney-General defended the practicality of his committee's proposals: people have argued that elections and the working of an elected legislature are not possible without the discipline imposed by party organization—and that party organization—and that party groupings will arise spon-taneously anyway.

Dr Korangtens Addow spoke of going back to old African traditions, and of the lessons that could be learnt from the that could be learnt from the workings of the councils that advised paramount chiefs. "People go to them as individuals", he said "There is no institutionalized or recognized opposition, but there is freedom of internal dissent. Conclusions are reached by discovering a consensus, nor by divisions or voting."

The political debute in Ghans is taking place at a time of continuing economic diffi-culties—and is made almost irrelevant by them. The rate of inflation continue to rise: food prices were up 84 per cent in the year ending June. The retail distribution scene is one of chaos, with price controls breaking down and bitter quarrels taking place with the market women—a riot recently at Kumesi market resulted in the death of a 13-year-old boy.

More and more things do not work. The visitor becomes swere of this in mostly trivial rarely puts one through to the person sought: a power cut prevents the race commentary at the Accra Turf Club; huzary potels run out of cold beer an lavatory paper. But for large sections of the population there is, of course, genuine hardship and deprivation that a fairly general rise in wages has done little to relieve. And for every-A university lecturer told me he scent most of his week mow queueing to obtain at an inflored price the powdered milk bis child needs.

However, visiting Grana can never be a depressing experi-ence. The good-burnour survives, astonishingly. And Ghena is unique, I think, in its great flow of affection and brotherhood one suddenly. becomes aware of.

(Concluded) Kenneth Mackenzie

First course for

Three former Prime Ministers

and the sons of two others are turning out on parade at the

Speaker's House romorrow to receive Silver Juvbilee places Present will be: Sir Harold Wilson, Lord Home of the Hir-sel, Mr Harold Macmillan, Sir

John Eden and Mr Winston

signing copies of his book, to

Mr Edward Heath is too bosy-

ex-premiers

Maurice Corina looks at the constitutional aspects of the Crown Agents affair

Why no one knows where the buck will stop

parliamentary pepers are now spread across Whitehall desks as constiurional lawyers and rivil servants search official records on the Crown Agents for Overseas Governments and Administrations, Everyone is in a quandry, for the organization is not a body corporate and de-rives no status from statute.

Its history has suddenly be-come important. Crown Agents and their staff have never been civil servants. They have never controlled voted monies. Even the Fay report on the circum-stances which led to their request for state assistance had to be placed before MPs as a House of Commons Return by a procedure carefully vetted by the Attorney General, Mr Sam

It is significant that two years ago in an emergency Money-lenders (Crown Agents Act, rushed through Parliament to avert exposure to £490m of losses through operating as an unauthorized bank, the Crown Agents' protection was declared as not capable of prejudicing any status, privilege or immunity enjoyed.

The origins of the Crown Agents are shadowy and their office is regarded as an emanation of the Crown. In the mid-eighteenth century, the actual term Crown Agent was used for the first time by a Mr Richard Cumberland, who operated a King's Agency in Agents and the Government.

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be appointed in Florida, Quebec, and Grenada. However, no reference. ever, no reference to duties cau be found before 1822, when there was a Return to Parliament indicating the task of procuring materials and handling local funds. Eight years later, a report

by the Commissioners of Colonial Enquiry established a pattern for consolidating various agencies into a joint office to serve overseas terri-tories, with the Treasury exercising power of appoint-But it was not until a leather-

But it was not until a less her-bound and gold-embossed book was issued on March 5, 1860, under the title Treasury Instructions for the guidance of the Agents-General for Crown Colonies, that there was any codification of the pecuniary transactions they undertook. Treasury superaction "upon extraordinary occasions". Within three years, the organization was re-styled Crown Agents for the Colonies, and their business of supplying oversess goods and services grew rapidly.

There was some subsequent trouble over freedom to nego-tiate loans, which led in 1880 to the appointment of a Colonial Office committee to review relations between the

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vision was to be limited to

The Treasury, by letter dated November 26, 1880, set down that the Agents were "permitted to transact business of all kinds for any colony which might desire to employ them".
A first class row developed, recorded in Papers Explanatory of the Functions of the Crown Agents, during which the limited Treasury control was transferred to the Colonial Office. Much business was lost in the Whitehall power

The next significant development came when Mr Joseph Chamberisin, then Secretary of State for the Colonies, asked all colonial administrators for their comments on the Crown Agents' services, for which fees were paid and which by then included engineering assistance as well as supplying everything

Historical records, however become more relevant to the present constitutional airuntion then parliamentary papers for when parliamentary papers for 1904 show the Commons calling for a return of accounts for the Crown Agents' own office funds. A motion in the Lords for the appointment of a select committee was rejected. Behind this activity was criticism over the autocratic role of the Crown

various criticisms continued and by 1908 there were constant questions in the Commons, forcing the Government of the day to appoint a committee (in pursuance of an undertaking given to Parliament) Parliament next attempted to

Various criticisms continued

Estimates. The Crown Agents were asked to give evidence. The outcome was an all-party recommendation that the Crown Agents' office and methods be investigated by the Treasury's organization and methods

In the ensuing argument, the Crown Agents stood firm. They demanded and obtained a comdemanded and obtained a compromise, in which a joint Tressury—Crown Agents examination was entrusted to the Agents' nominee, Mr Ba A. Salmon, then head of the Lyons teashop empire. The unpublished report, did not recommend any change in status, only some internal reforms. The Tressury lost an opportunity Treasury lost an opportunity to assert or to charify its In the following years, with their traditional role intact, the

with immense funds as the process of self-government round the world gained pace and enthe world gained pace and en-larged services to new princi-pals. A basic Joint Colonial Fund was supplemented with a new Joint Miscellaneous Fund and, in essence, were managed as a cooperative, with any profits from their management recurred to the overses principrofits from their management returned to the overseas principals. The seeds of trouble ahead were sewn by decisions that Director General of the Overseas Audit Service should vet the balance sheets of these two funds, but the small office fund held by the Agents on their own account was audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General.

It is a matter of fact that in Parliament next attempted to exert its authority shortly after 1968 the Director General of the Second World War, when delays in supplying railway trains to Nigeria—needed to certify the Joint Consolidated trains to Nigeria—needed to Fund (previously the Colonial clear a mounting stockpile of Fund) "until proper books the infamous ground nuts—were written up". This official came under the scrutlny of the Commons Select Committee on years later, but by then Parlia-

quent rescue had begun, but no one in Whitehall was sure of their powers to act against an unincorporated organization that cherished its independent tax-free status, enswering to no

In March 1954, the London Gazette had announced that Her Majesty had been graciously pleased to approve that the Crown Agents for the Colonias should, from April 1, 1954, be styled the Crown Agents for Overseas Governments and Administrations. This single act noutle encourage further me acassistrations. This single act would encourage further me view that Agents, while nominated by the Ministry of Overseas Development and its predecessor departments, derived their role from the Queen's pleasure.

Mr A. W. Abbott, a former secretary to the Agents, has said that Agents are simply individuals appointed by a minister on terms decided by him or her (Mrs Judith Hart, on being called upon to nominate one fortunate agents. nate one, fortunately, wanted to know more). "Their func-tions are not anywhere laid down, except inferentially by reference to them in certain colorial regulations, which of course have now no application in many of the territories which

in many of the territories which they serve. In general, the position rests on usage", wrote Mr Abbott in a privately circulated history of his employers.

To this day, there is no statute defining the role and duries of the Crown Agents, though a White Paper was placed before Parliament in April 1876 outlined proposals

Fay committee of inquiry had to be conducted by analogy, for its preamble admits the Crown Agents are not a company and the committee had not been given compulsory powers and had no authority to demand information, whether documen-tary or oral, from anyone. When the Government state-

ment last week declared the Crown Agents' financial disaster to be a failure to apply the normal principles of public accountability, the much was that there was a longer history than the years 1968-1974 of prevarication over the Crown Agents' strange constitution. The Government is consequentially treading on egg shells in handling the Pay allegations. Anyone alleged to be in breach of days or alleged to be more than the men. of duty, or alleged to be open to intigation and prosecution is emitted to ask by what written constitution they can inspect can their actions give rise to default or malfessance.

Even if the Government

accedes—as it should—to the Commons' clear wish for a Tribunal of Inquiry conducted under the 1921 Act, with Lord Salmon's more recent guidelines. in mind, there remains the fundamental problem of whether a non-statutory agency run on cooperative lines for principals ourside the United Kingdom is legitimately subject to the orders and directions of Government in the interim of any statute changing its past status, privilege, or immunity. Not since the Parliamentary Ombudsman attempted to reach into the Cabinet room in exaannounce canner room in exa-mining the actions of ministers and departments after the crash of the Court Line travel busi-ness has there been such an intriguing constitutional ques-tion involving Whitehall tion involving

THE TIMES DIARY/PHS

The Watergate paper passes centennial Post

The paper that gave us Water-gate, The Washington Post, was 100 years old yesterday. It is not very old, as newspapers go, even in America. The New York Times is in its 127th year and the Washington Star in its 125th.

If its most recent moment of glory was Watergate, its moment of greatest infamy was the previous comparable government scandal, the Teapot Dome affair in the 20s, in which the paper's proprietor played a

That drove the paper to bankruptcy and it was sold at an auction, on the steps of its building, in 1933, for 5825,000. It is worth rather more than that now: the Post company owns Newsweck, the Trenton Times (New Jersey) and four television stations, one of them

Its anniversary issue is 72 pages whick, about average for mid-week. Last Sunday's issue, several hundred pages heavy, packed with advertising supplements for the local stores, had a long article on the world shortage of newsprint.

The Post has had difficulty adjusting to a world without Watergate. Meanwhile, the Afternoon Star has been giving it a good run for its money, for the first time in years, in a loyal attempt to ensure that the Post's second century is not passed in pompous complacency.



Schoenberg, OK

Schoenberg addicts, who will doubtless flock to the Royal Festival Hall tonight to bear a concert of his works by the BBC Symphony Orchestra and Singers, may not have heard what happened when he was a guest at an American Society guest at an American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers dinner in Los Angeles.

He was seated between two Tin Pan Alley song-writers. Conversation was dulish until one of them said: "I don't understand your stuff, Arnold, but you must be OK or you wouldn't be here."

Almost Rome from Rome

For people who hanker efter a Roman holiday but cannot quite make Rome, Corinium could just possibly be the answer. A Cocswold hotelier, Michael Haigh-Gannon of the King's Head at Circucester, offers the lightly-packaged illusion of Roman Britain in the form of short stays at his hotel in what was once, as Corinium Dubennorum, second largest city in Britain. Helped by David Viney, director of the local Corinium Museum, Mr Haigh-Gannon has Museum, Mr Haigh-Gannon has added an assortment of authentic Roman dishes to the King's Had's table d'hôte. Roman holidaymakers buying his two-day EZI full board package out tuck into patina de piscis fricta (herring dipped in beaten egg, fried in ail with vegetable juice and wine, sprinkled with ground pepper), aeninan excellatam et Con-

aeninan exceldatum et Con-chichlam de pisa simplici (lamb casserole using cumin, lovage and wine) or dislois domestics (a rather jolly sweet made of

It took Mr Heigh-Cannon and his wife much experiment to get these dishes right. The get these dishes right. The fourth-century Reman recipes they used, though admirably translated into English, speci-fied neither quantities nor cooking times.

But in the end, reports my man in Corinium, their taste of Roman England has turned out very tasty indeed.



Any offers? The diary today makes a rare forzy into the market place. This car, a 1929 Ford, was one of six sent to Sudan for the use of British government officials. It government officials. It belonged to the governor of the northern province in 1930 and still has its original engine and is in good overall working order. Its proud owner since 1941 has been Abdalla Abdel

Balancing act

A delicate political problem has landed in the non-political lap of Crisis at Christmas, the charity set up 10 years ago by the lare lain Macleod, to alleviate the plight of the single homeless particularly over the Christmas period.

Its panel of trustees, chosen to maintain a scrupulous degree of fairness, includes one MP from the three main parties—Nicholas Scott (Conservaive, Cheisea), John Pardoe (Libersi, Cornwall, North) and Reg Prentice (Labour, Newham, North-east).

Cassim (see

graph) of Ed Damer, who describes himself mechanical and electrical operator. "I drive it through the streets and people laugh at me—but they do not know how valuable it is", he says. Now he wants to sell it and has asked the diary if we can help. In a mood of pre-Christmas bonhomie, we have agreed.

ie Tories. Crisis at Christmes is enzious.

Two months ago, as the world knows, Mr Prentice gave up his fight against the left-wing in constituency, and joined

to point out that it does not want Mr Prentice to withdraw his support. "But we would like a Labour man to help restors the political balance",

The series of plates relating to different espects of the Queen's reign and depicting the seven PMs who have served under her, are being struck and presented by the Commentors tive Collectors Society. Its chairman, Sir Lincoln Hellinan, a former Lord Mayor of Cardio. will do the presenting. If there is to be a Silver Jubilee plate

distance from the state of the be one for actors, and another for musicians—some at least of tomorrow's contingent of former Prime Ministers may be summoned for a second course. Portsmouth and surrounding boroughs are being killed off by the Post Office to make mechanized mail sorting easier. The area will be reborn as Spithead Coast.

Those motorists who are normally disinclined to draw up on: the slip roads of motorway service stations to oblige hitch-hikers whose cards bear such legends as "Birmingham" and Bristol a must none the less have admired the initiative of a young soldier waiting at Scratchwood service station on the Mt. His card read: "Treat yourself to the luxury of a personal military escort."

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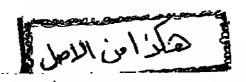
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ONLY A TRIBUNAL WILL DO

Given the will of the Com- be compelled to give evidence any individuals named as they Government to resist establish ing by parliamentary resolution, a public inquiry under the Triscandal.

Its own considered state ment on the deeply disturbing report, prepared by Judge Edgar Fay, and two others, into the cir-cumstances which led to the financial rescue of this historic and unincorporated agency declared that there had been " a most severe failure of public accountability". Further, the Prime Minister felt the matters disclosed by the Fay inquiry justified the setting up of a new committee, under Sir Carl Aarvold, to assess the nature and gravity of any neglect or breach of duty by individuals which may have occurred in the Crown Agents, the Ministry of Overseas Development, the Treasury, the Bank of England and the Exchequer and Audit Depart-

before Fay; yet anyone think-ing himself liable to possible on record, at the start of the criminal proceedings could not Fay inquiry, in suggesting that

mons expressed in a decisive that might be self-incriminating were to be, last week—ought to vote, it will be difficult for the -so the superior powers of a tribunal in compelling the attendance of witnesses would to that extent be neutralized; that hunals of Inquiry (Evidence) witnesses might be less frank Act 1921 into the Crown Agents, and more guarded before a tribunal than before an inquiry in private; and that a tribunal would have to go over again all the ground already covered by

the ground already covered by the Fay committee.

But it is quite clear that MPs, who recognize that tribunals with their powers of compulsion should be used sparingly, feel the Crown Agents' affairs raise both matters of public confidence and particular grave. raise both matters of public confidence and particular grave questions of behaviour. Sufficient justification for establishing a tribunal can be found in the report of the Royal Commission of 1966 under Lord Justice Salmon and tribunals can regulate their procedure to safeguard individuals' rights, whatever difficulty can be seen. Only a tribunal will have the requisite nowers to all a the requisite powers to allay the disquiet of MPs and the public. It is to the credit of Mr Richard Wood, a former minister, who honourably accounted his comments of the credit of the cred Exchequer and ment.

The Government's objections to an inquisitorial tribunal are that it would take too long, two or three years; that three menone dead—had not appeared one dead—had not appeared on record, at the start of the suggesting that

be afforded such an opportunity to reply and to explain their

The Crown Agents' losses and actions are of such a scale and departure from normal standards of conduct as to require further inquiry. Concern goes far beyond that of the hapless Vehicle and General Insurance Company, into which the Agents made one of the many ill-considered investments. One of the two inquiries conducted into V&G took the form of a tribunal covering negligence, impropriety, and misconduct by Crown servants. There was a separate Companies Act investigation under powers which the Fay team used as an analogy. It is usual for a tribunal to be

presided over by a person of high judicial office and there need be no reason for any witness to fear anything other than exposure to the fruth. It is commonly held against tribunals that mud flung in the early stages sticks even if the allegations are later rebutted. How-ever, there is, in this affair, not mud, but a prior well docu-mented report. The powers of a tribunal are needed to pursue investigation of some matters. investigation of some matters further and apportion blame

MR JACK JONES IN THE PULPIT

Speaking from the august pulpit arbitration as an alternative to of the Dimbleby Lecture last strikes. This means, as he says, night, Mr Jack Jones was at that the machinery must be pains to adopt a tone worthy of the occasion. It is seldom that anyone gets handed such a quantity of prime television time to do what he likes with. The most memorable Dimbleby lectures (not necessarily the most sensible) have been those, like Lord Goodman's, which urgently worry at a single theme. Mr Jones ranged more widely. He had a theme, developed in conciliatory and statesmanlike tones: it was that trade unionism is basically a valuable and necessary force in our society and that many of the conflicts that it is associated with are avoidable. It was in his lengthy illustrations of this theme that sharper, less lofty,

tones sometimes broke in.
Few would disagree with the main argument. The unions have gained many benefits for workers that we now accept as obviously just. When Mr Jones says that fewer strikes would be on for all, all can agree. His rejection of violence on the picket line and his call for strikers to remember that their quarrel is with their employers and not with the general public are pertinent and helpful today.

expeditious and must command confidence. But as he goes on the uncomfortable impression grows that what he means is that unions should be able to get from arbitration what they might

have expected from striking.
The example that he dwells on most is, perhaps inevitably, the Grunwick affair and the rejection of Lord Scarman's proposals for a sertlement. Elsewhere in his lecture Mr Jones shows the habitual trade union fondness for the word "voluntary". It is clear that he would not expect a union to feel obliged to accept an award from a tribunal set up without reference to itself, and after having insisted from the first that it would not be bound by the tribunal's findings. But when Mr Ward acts in the same way, Mr Jones calls it "indus-trial sabotage".

employment and an end to racial discrimination, Mr Jones naturally puts in a word for industrial democracy, another principle that everyone can endorse until they get down to the details. He is still for the full Bullock package and professes astonish-No-one will quarrel in principle ment that everybody did not see with his call for more and better it as a means of extending a

worker's influence over his working life". But it was not the influence of the worker but the corporate power of the union that Bullock would have strengthened. Many workers are not trade unionists, many unions do not represent the interests of their members at all well.

Mr Jones showed almost no understanding of the real mis-givings that are felt about the place of the unions in society today. Of the major problem of undemocratic votes at mass meetings, he merely said topidly that he was "not against beliots". He did not take up the challenge that the prime minister has repeatedly thrown out to the movement this year-that of how to ensure that free collective bargaining does not mean that "the lion's share goes to the lions". There is no sign that defeat at Grunwick has made him question the determination As well as commending higher of the unions to stand by that word "voluntary" and ensure pensions, shorter hours, full that industrial strength and not the last resort. These are the questions that Mr Jones might have considered from his pulpit. We all know that the unions are often useful and benevolent in their actions. What is worrying is their reductance to accept safe guards against those times when they are not.

KEEPING THE EEC IN MOTION

European summits are judged not only by what they decide but also by whether they prove able to decide anything at all. By both measures, but mainly by the second, the meeting which ended last night in Brussels was reasonably successful. The Community " reaffirmed its desire to progress and its capacity to take decisions", said Mr Tindemans. Britain did not help much by facing the meeting with the fact that direct elections are now unlikely to be held until at least the spring of 1979-disappointment was obvious and wholly justified-but European leaders are nothing if not hardened to

serbacks. Work continues anyway. In two other important though less glamorous areas there was significant progress. The mini-sters settled the long dispute over contributions to the Community budget, and they also agreed on allocations to the regional fund. The budgetary dispute was caused largely by the declining value of sterling. Britain's nominal contribution was originally set at 19 per cent,

Sir, Frank Carr's article (November

19) has certainly drawn attention to

a most pressing need and one that is perhaps more urgent than even

he may have realized, for, since his splendid achievements at Greenwich.

ooth with the museum and the

Curry Sark, another aspect of the disappearance of the world's mari-

time history has been accelerating

The inboard engine has already

decimated the coastal sailing schooners, junks and dhows and the

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what one might call the evolutionary

boat that is to say one that has achieved near perfection through thousands of years of gradual evolu-

The dug outs, reed boats, catama-

rans, coracies, sampans and all the traditional wooden planked boars are

making way for the universal fibre-class boar and with them goes the first means of transport known to

man and in many cases unaltered

Here in Exeter we have saved some 80 craft of varying importance

and have the capacity to preserve four times this number both ashore

and aflost, but our greatest fear is

that we will run out of time and that when the full realization of what is happening now finally dawns

for thousands of years.

at un ever increasing pace.

Saving historic ships

From Mr D. R. Goddard

which was roughly Britain's share of the gross national product of the enlarged Community. This was to be reached over a fiveyear transitional period ending in 1977. But the value was calculated in units of account based on pre-1971 dollar exchange rates. The relative value of Britain's contribution therefore declined with the pound, so that by this year West Germany was arguing that Britain's contribution was nearer

13 than 19 per cent. There had to be some adjustment, particularly as next year the budget will be calculated in the new European units of account based on a basket of European currencies, but a straight jump based solely on new arithmetic would have imposed an unfair and unacceptable burden on Britain. Hence the long negotiations. The outcome, while still involving higher payments, is more favourable than expected, being about £200m. less than originally demanded. though £40m more than Britain wanted to pay. This reflects not

only hard bargaining but rather more good will on the part of the other members than Britain has earned by her performance in the Community so far. On the other hand the regional fund is considerably less than proposed by the Commission, so that Britain, which is the second biggest beneficiary after Italy, will not get as large an increase as hoped for.

All this marks progress in the small but important steps which are necessary for the Community to be seen to be a going concern The meeting did not, however, take the Community much nearer the "major new stimulus of historical dimensions" which Mr Ienkins believes necessary if the Community is to move towards economic and monetary union. He had a friendly hearing but the immediate and urgent problems of unemployment and sluggish investment are going to have to be tackled without waiting for more distant hopes to be realized_

on us the chance will have been missed for ever and the historians, geographers and archaeologists will be left to make their deductions from what they can dig from the mud of the creeks and marshes where the boats finally died. In answer then to Frank Carr, we do have an organization, albeit small, which is very much concerned with the preservation of the smaller craft of the world but for the larger ships surely the first step is to per-suade an already established organization, such as our own National Maritime Museum or the Maritime Trust, to call an international conference to set the process in motion, for to attempt to establish at the outset a separate body will be too lengthy a business when, as he says, time is of the essence.

D. R. GODDARD, Director. Exeter Maritime Museum. The Quay,

Yours faithfully.

Researching pollution From Dr P. F. Chester

Sir, David Nicholson-Lord's item in The Times of November 28 refers to a visit to the UK of the Swedish Yourh Federation of Field Biologists to discuss ecological changes in Scandinavia which they believe are related to atmospheric pollution. It quotes representatives of British youth groups as complain-ing that the CEGB is planning no

research damage. environmental This assertion is factually incorrect and certainly cannot be the view of the Swedish party. Their visit to these laboratories last week was arranged by the International Youth Federation for Environmental Studies and Conservation, trevisely because the Swedies precisely because the Swedes wanted to hear more of the environmental research programme that our biologists and chemists have been carrying out in Norway in collaboration with scientists of the Fish and Forests Project. The visi-tors were given a full description of this work and its reseats to date, together with an outline of our ongoing plans, indeed we have sub-sequently received a letter of appreciation from the British organizers on behalf of the visitors.

In view of the incorrect impression created by your article I should add that some 50 staff here are engaged in the environmental aspects of power generation, one third of them on ecological effects. This effort is not unremarked in other quarters—we collaborate in OECD and EEC projects and with a number of British universities in this field. The most recent issue of CEGB Research (No 5) contains some relevant articles.

Yours faithfully, P. F. CHESTER, Director, Central Electricity Research Laboratories, Central Electricity Generating Board. Kelvin Avenue, Leatherhead, Surrey.

Curbing the sale of pornography

From Mr D. B. Taylor From Mr D. B. Taylor
Sir, The function of the law, I
believe it is agreed, is to protect
the lives and property of the subject. Yet Mr Anderton (December
5) has "14 squads set up at
divisional level to deal with such
matters as prostitution, portography, licensing and gaming". It
may be that the law does in fact
have something to say on all these
topics: it may equally he topics; it may equally be questioned whether it serves any useful purpose in doing so. We are meant to be horrified that Anderpon's minions have seized material "afleged to be pornographic," whose retail face value was £211,500, (Well we are,

pornographer. whose retail face value was £211,500. (Well we are, but for other reasons than Anderton supposes.) Apart from the consideration that the "retail face value" has isself been grossly enhanced by Anderton's redius interference, as a percentage of the total value of the book and cinema trades in the Greater Manchester area over the past nine months I would guess that this is a fairly modest sum.

There may be some who openly hanker for total debanchery and lewdness—undike Anderton I don't find that so very astonishing. But most of us simply have a taste for variety: Buther's Sermone today, Cleiand's Confessions tomorrow; both are illuminating. Apart from which we have it on good authority that the publicans and harlots go into the kingdom of God before the maiotainers of "proper standards of decency" (Matthew XXI, 31). Yours faithfully,

D. B. TAYLOR, D. B. TAYLOR, 170 Divinity Road,

Dr Schumacher's vision From Mr Robert Kahn

From Mr Robert Kahn

Sir. Your generous leader on the work of Dr E. F. Schumacher (December 1) is rightly titled "a message half heard", for it is largely within the developed committees that we have been slow to recognize the importance of appropriate nechnologies for specific objectives. However, it is misleading to conclude that the "emotional disposition" of Dr Schumacher was in some unexplained way "resistant to modern needs" or "preindustrial". On the contrary, it is we in the white tribes of western Europe who are resistant to Dr Schumacher's vision of "economics as if people meatered".

People meatered".

People are more important than "market forces"; and Dr Schumacher's primal vision does offer practical as well as spiritual guidence whether people are living in affluence or deprivation. Perhaps no prophet is accepted in his own home, but in the case of Dr Schumacher we can at least look at our own faults as a society rather than analyse his personality.

ROBERT KAHN, Director.

Yours sincerely.
Yours sincerely,
ROBERT KAHN, Director,
The Catholic Housing Aid
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Preserving Burgh House From Mr Derek Godfreu

Sir, Miss Joanna Richardson's allegations (November 25) that Burgh House has been "gravely neglected" by Camden, and that Camden is attampting to avoid its responsiis attempting to avoid its responsibility to Cerry out repairs now necessary, is difficult to sustain.

Since 1965, when ownership was transferred from the Metropolinan Borough of Hampstead, £22,000 has been spent on the repair and maintenance of the house. Also, ten days before Misc Richardson's letter was published, the council approved a further minimum expenditure of £55,000 for remedial works required mainly because of the age of the building. Our consultant architect has indicated that the building is in "reasonable condition having regard to its age".

"resonable condition having regard to its age".

Burgh House will be restored and repaired and it is the council's intention that the building will be fully used in future, thus ensuring its preservation. Regretably, so far, the council has been unable to find a viable use of its own for the building. However, the suggestion that a museum might pay its own way would appear to decend on way would appear to depend on charging for admission, a proposal which is unlikely to be acceptable

which is unlikely to be acceptable in principle.

Under the circumstances, therefore, and in view of the fact that both the basement and farst floor have been used in the past for office pumposes, the council is willing to consider a commercial use to recoup the cost of the present repairs and cover future main. repairs and cover future main-tenance and running expenses. In considering this option, the council will, no doubt, take into account the ease of access already enjoyed by Mass Richardson and those who live in Hampstead to Fenton House, Kenwood and a well restored Keats House, No doubt it will observe the consideration to the consideration to the consideration that the consideration the considera doubt it will also consider the uses to which funds, so released, could be applied in less privileged parts of the borough. Yours faithfully,

DEREK GODFREY, Chairman, Building, Works and Services Members' Room, The Town Hall, Euston Road, NW1.

Disapproving of chess From Mr S. F. Kissin

Sir, Mr Bernard Levin is not quite accurate in stating (December 2) that chess has never incurred ecclesiastical displeasure. In 1497, when Savonarola was the

surreme secular and ecclesiastic authority in Florence, he ordered chessboards and sets to be burned in public, together with other "vanities". While I am not in favour of the

practice (now happily obsolete) of burning hereics at the stake, I cannot help feeling, as a lifelong devotee of the game, that there was some poetic justice in the fate which in the end overtook that particular beretic. Yours faithfully. S. F. KISSIN.

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Caversham.

Berkshire.

Language of the Prayer Book

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Dr David J. Girling
Sir, I wonder if those of your
readers who have recently expressed
their preference for the 1662 Communion Service over Series III have
foresteen that Cranmer died in 1556 forgotten that Cranmer died in 1556, that he regarded the common tongue, spoken and understood by all, to be the appropriate language of public worship, and that he was or punite worship; and that he was passionately concerned with the concent of worship: with what was said, not just with how it was said. His Prayer Book was the book of 1549, and a great deal happened to the Communion Service between then and 1562.

To give but one example, in his 1549 service, Cranmer preserved the fine acts of praise and thanksgiving fine acts of praise and thanksgiving which were to be found in the mediaeval missals: thanksgivings for all Christ's redemptive acts, His blessed passion, mightic resurrection, and gloryous ascencion. But with ascendancy of the reform party, reinforced by refugees such as Bucer, Vermigli and Pullain from Europe, all such joyful passages were stripped away, and the service was reduced (in the book of 1552 and hence that of 1662) to one quite inordinately obsessed with sin, suffering and death.

Are the present champions of

suffering and death.

Are the present champions of 1662 really content that the central act of worship of the Church of Eugland should not even mention the Ressurrection, except in that it includes a recitation of the Creed? One of the great virtues of Series III is that it restores a truly Cramperian balance. No Sir, were Cranmer alive today, he would surely prefer Series III; and had the present champions of 1662 been alive in 1549 they would surely have preferred the Sarum Missal, although had Christ's ministry consisted of poetry soriess their present case would indeed carry considerable weight.

weight. Yours faithfully, D. J. GIRLING. 67 The Ridgeway, W3.

From Lord Denham Sir, Although I would personally go a long way to avoid a Series III service, I am quite prepared to agree that it is logical to include in it a totally modern version of the Lord's Prayer, What I find far more distracting are the minor and to distracting are the minor, and to my mind irrelevant, variations in my mind irrelevant, veriations in the Series II version—"who art "for "which art", "on earth" for "in earth", and "forgive those" for "forgive them". Many parishes intersperse Series II with the 1652 Communion Service and Marins and Evensong still, happily, remain involate.

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remain inviolate.

By the time one has worked out which alternative set of the three words is being used, one has totally lost all concentration on the actual mesting of this most important of all prayers. I do hope that, when the Alternative Service Book is published in 1980, there will be a clear choice between the unamended 1662 version and the completely modern Series III one.

If I may say so, the Bishop of Durham is missing the point, in his letter (December 1). He acted burnam is missing the point, in his letter (December 1). He acted perfectly properly in putting the case, in which he believes, to the General Synod. It is the "overwhelming proportion of the Church's elected representatives" who have plainly misjudged the strength of feeling over this matter, among those whom they represent. I am, Sir, your obedient servent, DENHAM. DENHAM louse of Lords.

From the Reverend Brian Dickson Sir, I feel that I must write to point our some confusion in Mr B. W. Robinson's mind between the rela-tive status of Cranmer's English and that of Shakespeare. In the first place Cranmer's Lord's Prayer was a translation and not an or-sinal composition. No translation i' ever perfect but there can be no question, I think, that the modern version of the Lord's Prayer represents a more accurate rendering of the actual words of the New Testament than does the traditional version. Which does Mr Robinson prafer, beauty of

language or nearness to the original? Of course, we should aim at both these things and as another of your correspondents points out the Series III revisers have at many points, shown themselves to be capable of composing the most beautiful

On the other hand it may be, as your newspaper pointed out on the day that the New English Bible (New Testament) was published, that translation into beautiful contemporary English was easier in an age of "Paith" than in an age of "Doubt". Even Cranmer's liturgy has not always been hailed as the masterpiece which many today believe it to be. For Cornish churchmen the new Prayer Book seemed like some "Christmas game".

There is a second difference be-tween the status of Liturgy and of Shakespearian drama. We do not need to understand Shakespeare and no dealst few outside the ranks of no dc.ibt few outside the ranks of the scholars ever do get as much from the text as would have been possible for the ordinary educated man of his day. But if we assume that Mr Robinson accepts the truth of Article VI that "Holy Scripture containeth all things necessary to salvation", our very salvation may depend upon our having as accurate an understanding as possible of what an understanding as possible of what Our Lord actually meant and said. Yours sincerely.

BRIAN J. DICKSON, Bishopston Vicarage Gloucester Road,

Sir, Might I query whether any of those who pontificate about the inability of English congregations to follow Cranmer's language have ever done any really scientific tests (not opinion polls) of their thesis? I have, on notoriously illiterate candidates and using much less digestible material (Bacon); so I know that the dogma is false. It is not the language but doubts about the relevance of the subject in the twentieth-century, and hence about whether one should think seriously about religion, that create the bestrier. Once this is crossed, accurate and memorable language is welcomed, just as Shakespeare is still our most popular author; it provides the best medium for fixing ideas so securely that they are remembered, and so can guide and sustain one in critical situations throughout life.

Of course, at present many cannot communicate in English as all. From Mr K. L. Stretch

throughout life.

Of course, at present many cannot communicate in English at all; but no one can devise a livingy in any language for people who cannot understand it. Yet once anyons is convinced of his need, and wants to join his fellows in worship, the Book of Common Prayer is much more easily assimilated by English speakers than many other manuals they have to master.

And as, for historic reasons, it strikes the heart chords of our very conservative race directly and forcconservative race directly and forcibly, jettisoning its services makes the task of evangelizing England (manifestly an urgent problem, as well as the primary duty of the Church in this lead) worse difficult auerch in bhis le d) morê difficult however much the action may gratify religious entirusiasts. Yours faithfully, LEWIS STRETCH,

From Mr Rowley Marriott Sir, Mrs Williams (November 29) has a very simple solution to her problem. Let her explain to her hildren the meanings of the words 'hellowed" and "trespesses". It will give them the advantage of understanding them when they occur in other contexts, literary or

religious. She would not, I suppose, advocate revised version of "Little Miss a revised version of "Little Miss Muffett" on the grounds that "tuffet", "curds", and "whey" were unfamillar to small children-even to those living near Chipping Yours, etc.

ROWLEY MARRIOTT, Cotesbach Hall, Lutterworth, Leicestershire,

Keeping libraries intact From Rodley's Librarian

Sir, Your leader (December 5) deploying the dispersal of libraries and calling for some fiscal action to remedy the situation is very welcome and it is much to be hoped that it will lead to a move on the part of the Government. That all in the situation is not black, however, is shown by the experience of the Bodleian Library.

the Bodleian Library.

In 1959 what remained of John Locke's personal library was offered for sale. The Bodleian, holding the largest collection of Locke manuscripts, was anxious to purchase it but the price was far outside our reach. At this moment Mr Paul Mellon came to our rescue. He bought the collection, housed it in his residence in Virginia, and transferred the least openated in the series of the least openated in the least openated ferred the legal ownership to the Bodleian by deed of gift, subject to his retention of the physical possession in his lifetime.

Mr Mellon is happily alive and in good health but he recently decided that the time had come to transfer the collection to the Bodleian. It arrived here, in Locke's own university, last month and is one of our most prized possessions. The books, invaluable for the scholar studying the evolution of Locke's ideas, are arranged on our shelves in the same order in which they were shelved by Locke himself. Oxford is deeply grateful to Mr Mellon.

A princely benefactor cannot, however, be always at hand: all interested in scholarship or art will support your call for a reappraisal of our fiscal and financial arrangements with a view to enabling libraries and galleries to acquire and preserve for posterity the nation's treasures. Yours faithfully,

ROBERT SHACKLETON, Bodley's Librarian, Bodleian Library, Oxford.

From Mr. Peter Opie Sir, Your leader today (December 5) on the dispersal of John Evelyn's library, and on the prospect of further great collections being broken up that were formed in the past, is both timely and valuable. Yet it perpetuares, if you will forgive me for saying so, one or two common fallacies which are helping some people to become resigned to what is going on. Not least of these is the idea that "If no collections of antiquities were ever broken up, new ones could never be made

be made".

This fallacy, to which Mr Edward Reach seemed to subscribe earlier this year, is on a par with the one about the nation's wealth being a cake of fixed size, and the business of government being to cut it up and share the pieces around equitably. The reality is that the fund of collectables in this country, like the potential for creating wealth in this country, is almost limitless, given only that we have imagination to see the new spheres available to us. Indeed it can be an actual hinderance to progress when the antiquities that were adwhen the antiquities that were admired in the past become available to the contemporary collector (whether private or institutional) since cash and energy are then expended in "saving for the nation" what is already appreciated.

Like many another collector, doubtless, I know one of two sub-jects, and indeed of one or two collections already in embryo, which given a quarter of the cash at present being paid for the Evelyo library or sought for the Stubbs, could, at the very least, provide fresh sources of intellectual stimulus and aesthetic adventure, I am. Sir. vours. etc. PETER OPIE, Westerfield House,

Hampshire.

Oxford Road,

Translation of Kleist From Mr C. B. Luhrs

Sir, Stephen Vizinczey's excellent reappraisal of Kleist in the Saturady Review (November 26) stated that none of his works is in print in England. I am delighted to inform Mr Vizinczey that we published a new translation by Roger Jones of The Broken Jug last year; and it has since been performed at a number of centres around the yours faithfully, C. B. LUHRS. Manchester University Press.

Rewarding the servicemen

From Mr J. P. van den Bergh Sir. The general public have had the opportunity in many places of making contributions to the striking firemen, with whom all of us have great sympathy. Nothing seems, however, to have been done for the servicemen who are standing by to servicemen who are standing by to servicemen and property. ing by to save lives and property, often living in shocking conditions

and forfeiting well earned leave.

I suggest that one of the great
insurance companies, whose
special interest is obvious, opens
with a substantial sum, an appeal for these men. I believe not only industry and commerce but the general public also would immediately respond and a worthwhile sum would be collected which could be used to give these terricemen. servicemen some comforts and reward for their very special service—quick action is necessary. Yours faithfully,

J. P. VAN DEN BERGH, Field House, Cranleigh, Surrey.

From Mr Denis Pirrie

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Sir, By the employment of under paid and poorly housed servicemen the local and central authorities are saving some £3,000,000 a week (if my arithmetic is right). It would be too much to expect the Treasury to permit the payment of extra money to these temporary firemen who are denied even the protective clothing and equipment they need to do their job and guard themselves from danger.

danger. Would it not, however, be possible Would it not, however, be possible for a substantial proportion of the money saved to be given to welfard societies to help particularly soldiers wounded in Ulster and the families of those who have been murdered there. If this were done then the soldiers, sallors and airmen who are now fighting our fires would know that their efforts have been appreciated. The insurance companies too might well contribute to such funds. to such funds. Yours faithfully,

DENIS PIRRIE Westmeston, Hassocks, Sussex.

New town benefits

From Mr Wyndham Thomas
Sir, Your report (November 29) of
the new study Leaving London,
Planned Mobility and the Inner
City by Nicholas Deakin and Clare
Ungerson, highlights the contention
that inner cities have been socially
and economically damaged by the
development of new towns

development of new towns.

Milton Keynes, Northampton and Peterborough are all third genera-tion new cowns and all started house building in 1970. They share a principal purpose; to help reduce London's severe housing problems by providing homes and work for families from the capital, especially those in housing need and other "diedentessed." Errors

disacvantaged groups,
The performance of the three stands close scruciny against that background. In 1976, for example, the three rowns housed just over 2,000 families from London. Of that number, about two thirds were unemployed, disabled, elderly, single parent families or otherwise "disadvantaged". Without the three new towns the families would almost certainly have been forced to stay in London. in London.

Yours faithfully, WYNDHAM THOMAS, General Manager, Pererborough Development Corporation, Touthill Close, Peterborougu,

Registered electors From Dr John F. West

Sir. Last Friday I reported to the . election registration office for Carlton, Nottinghamshire, no fewer than a thousand mistakes in the newly issued draft register. All the 18-year-old voters listed in the 1977-78 register had by some computer error had their dates of birth printed by their names in the draft 1978-79 register. If uncorrected, this mistal:e would have disenfranchised all the This incident highlights the need

This incident nignights the need for a reform of the law on registration of electors. Very few members of the general public are aware that they have only 19 days during which to make a claim if their names have been omitted in error from the draft recister.
The statutory daves are in the last

degree arbitrary. The qualifying date is October 10. The draft register appears on November 28. Claims and objections have to be made by December 16; and the new register is current from February 16 one user to Enhance 15: the next year to February 15 the next.
These dates do not actually bring democracy into contempt; but their lack of logic certainly does not bring our version of democracy into esteem. Yours faithfully,

JOHN F. WEST. Prospective Parliamentary Liberal Candulate, Carlton Division, 86 Walsingham Road, Nottingham.

Blackfriars destination

From Mr. R. H. Thernton Sir, The inscribed stones taken from the façade of the old Blackfriars railway station in London look very fine in their fresh setting on the new station. British Rail are to be congratulated for preserving them in so suitable a position. Unfor-tunately in the process of cleaning them and gilding the letters of the destination town names a little bit of history has been lost.

At some time, presumably at the beginning of the Great War when the Russians thought the original name too Germanic, "St Peters-burg" was overpainted "Petraburg" was overpainted "Petragrad". Signs of this were visible until the old station was demolished but now alas they have gone. Yours faithfully, ROY H. THORNTON, 10 Clare Gardens,

Upney,

Compensation for transferred rail employees

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Gooffrey Lane and Lord Justice Eveleigh Lane and Lord Justice Eveleigh
Officers compulsorily transferred
officers compulsorily transferred
from the British Railways Board
to the employment of the National
Freight Corporation whose salarles did not rise as they would
have done if they had not been
transferred were held, by
analority, entitled to compensation
under the British Transport (Compensation to Employees) Regulations, 1970, in respect of "worsening of ... position ... properly
attributable to "the transfer.

The Court of Appeal, in reserved

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The Court of Appeal, in reserved judgments, the Master of the Rolls dissenting in part, dismissed an appeal by the National Freight Corporation from Mr Justice Donaldson (The Times, July 13) who allowed appeals by three corporation employees. Mr William Henry Tuck. Mr John Francis Moody and Mr Stanley Arthur Wray, from the dismissal by an industrial tribunal of their complaints that the corporation was not justified in rejecting their claims to compensation.

Their Lordstips were told that there were many other employees with similar claims which, if admitted, would come to a very large sum.

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Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was granted.

Regulation 13 provides that the conditions for the payment of long-term compensation are that an officer has suffered "(a)... worsening of his position, being loss, diminution or worsening... which is properly attributable to the happening of the relevant event [the transfer]...

and Mr Alexander Irvine for the employees.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that it was a test case. The three men said that they were employed by the Railways Roard notil December 31, 1968, when they were compulsorily transferred to new road companies. At first their wages were as good as before the transfer, but they became worse off because the men who staved with the Railways. Board received pay increases. Between October, 1974. And October, 1975. and October, 1974. Mr Tick got £125 less than he would have done had he stayed with the Railways Board. Mr Wray got £175 less and Mr Moody £920 less. They claimed compensation.

The general words "worsening of position "required a comparison between the man's position as he was since the transfer with what his position would have teen if he had not been transferred. The words did not apply only to his worsening in his new company. Was the worsening "properly attributable" to the transfer? The Railways Board had a monopoly of transport by rail and the trade unions were powerful and had succeeded in getting hig increases in wages. The new road companies, operating in a flercely competitive market, simply could not pay their way if they had to pay wages equal to those of the railwaymen's. They have to economize in every possible way.

The increase in the railwaymen's pay over the roadmen's since The increase in the railwaymen's pay over the roadmen's since October, 1972, was attributable to those new factors and not to the transfer, which was not a cause but only part of the circumstances in or on which the cause oper-

His Lordship would allow the appeal and hold that the men His Lordship would allow the appeal and hold that the men were not entitled to commensation.

LORD JUSTICE GEOFFREY LANE said that the relevant date was the date of the transfer, January 1, 1969. The conditions for the payment of long-term compensation to any person were that he had "before, on, or, not later than 10 years after the date "Suffered" worsening "Each of the three men had suffered a worsening of his position and financial loss. Their position was worse than if they had stayed with the British Railways Board.

Was the worsening of their position "properly attributable" to the fact of their transfer? His Lordship thought that it was. The fact that the railway employees owed their fayourable position to the strength of their union seemed to be irrelevant. "Attributable to "was a wider expression than "caused by".

The transfer of the men was one of the factors, if not the principal factor, which contri-

buted to the worsening of their position. That worsening could properly be described as "attributable to" the transfer. In view of the way in which the appeal had been presented it was unnecessary to remit the matter to the tribunal. The employees were entitled to succeed. entitled to succeed.

LORD JUSTICE EVELEIGH, concurring in dismissing the appeal, said that the general scheme of compensation seemed to be based on an intention to see that as far as reasonably possible no man should be worse off than his counterpart who had stayed with the old employer. But he was not to be compensated if the worsening of his position was due to something unconnected with the changeover.

If the claimants had remained with British Railways Board they would have benefited from the change in the rates of pay. The only reason that they had not benefited was because they no longer worked for the Railways Board. Their claims should be allowed.

Solicitors: Mr J. S. Seager;

Solicitors' error no bar

Weeds v Blaney A plaintiff can succeed in getting an order for rectification notwith-standing the fact that the need for rectification arose from an error by his own solicitors. The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal from Judge Thomas sixing as a deputy judge in the Chancery Division (The Times, March 18, 1976) who had said that the statement in Halsbury's Laws of England, (3rd ed, vol 26.

The Master of the Rolls said that even though the error to be rectified had been the fault of the plaintiff's solicitors it was no bar to the plaintiff gening relief.

LORD JUSTICE GOFF, agreeing, said that generally speaking negligence was an irrelevant consideration in rectification: Kent v Hartley (1966) 200 EG 10271.

Lord Justice Cumming-Bruce agreed.

Court of Appeal Work at home is part of part-time teacher's job

Lake v Essex County Council
Before Mr Justice Bristow, Mr
J. D. Hughes and Mr B. L. Mackie
Work done by a teacher in her
spare time outside school hours,
such as marking or preparation
work, which was reasonably
necessary for her job, should be
included in computing the number
of hours a week she was employed
in order to see whether she had
worked sufficient hours to enable
her to bring a complaint of unfair
dismissal.

The Employment Appeal Triworked strictent nours to enable her to bring a complaint of unfair dismissri.

The Employment Appeal Ird. bunal allowed an appeal by Mrs Jane Lake, a part-time assistant teacher at Hockley, from a decision of a London industrial tribunal that they had no jurisdiction to hear her claim of unfair dismissal by the employers, Esset County Council, because she was employed under a contract which "normally involves employment for less than 21 bours weekly within the meaning of paragraph 9(1)(f) of Schedule 1 to the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act. 1974 [now 16 hours a week]. Although paragraph 9(1)(f) has been repealed, the computation of a period of employment is relevant for calculating whether an employee has worked for the quain, is period of 26 weeks.

Mr Graham Clayton, solicitor, for Mrs Lake; Mr John Irvine for the local authority.

MR JUSTICE BRISTOW said that Mrs Lake's letter of engagement confirmed her hours as 18 hours 20 minutes a week, later increased to 19 hours 25 minutes. On August 31, 1976, she was dismissed and claimed compensation for unfair dismissal. Employment for less than 21 hours a week under her contract excluded her right not to be unfairly dismissed. The local authority contended that her contractual obligation was

accordingly. Were lake was under a contractual obligation to do as much work outside the school hours specified in her contract as reasonably necessary. That work was employment normally involved in the performance of her contract which had to be included in the computation of the 21 hours.

The appeal would be allowed, and the case remitted to another

Lake v Essex County Council

Before Mr Justice Bristow, Mr
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Mrs Lake argued that in order to teach properly in class and to perform her other obligations, she had to work outside school hours. The 3 hours 40 minutes "free time" was not enough, being partly occupied by supervising the children when not in class.

It was clear law that what was expressed in a written contract did not necessarily include all the contractual rights and obligations of the parties. Quite irrespective of "free time", if a reacher found it necessary to spend time outside her school duty hours in preparation or marking, essential elements in her job, there was a contractual obligation on her to do so whether or not it was written into her contract.

Accordingly, Mrs Lake was under a contractual obligation to do as much work outside the school hours specified in her con-

The appeal would be allowed, and the case remitted to another industrial tribunal to assess whether her work outside school hours brought her weekly employment to 21 hours. Leave to appeal would be granted.

Solicitors: Mr H. Pierce; Mr C R. Oakley, Cheimsford.

Riot prisoners fail to quash visitors' disciplinary decisions disciplinary decisions

main and Others

Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief
Justice, Lord Justice CummingBrace and Mr Justice Park

The Divisional Court refused applications for orders of certiorari made on behalf of seven prisoners who took part in the riot at Bull Prison last year to quash the decisions of the prison's board of visitors. The board had heard charges that the prinsoners, inter alia, had been concerned in concerned acts of indiscipline, and had made disciplinary awards, including loss of remission.

The ground of refusal was that

body such as a prison board of visitors.

Mr Andrew Collins; Mr Ashraf Khan; Mr Michael Beloff; Mr Peter Thornton; and Mr Beloff for the applicants; Mr Harry Woolf and Mr Robert Owen for the prison visitors.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the universal complaint of the prisoners was that in dealing with them the board of visitors had failed to comply with the rules of natural justice. In the ordinary way that would involve immediately a consideration of the hearings before the board; but an initial point was taken that the remedy of certiorari would not go to a board of visitors in respect of failure to comply with natural justice. That, therefore, was the only issue the court was concerned with. The main authority was Ermenw Pate Fry ([1954] 1 WLR 73Gmandiff. 733], which laid down the principle that domestic discipline in it disciplined body was something for the officers in charge an anot something for the court. The was a principle which, in h Londship's judgment, should tadhered to. That was in no wainconsistent with the generapproach to certificate, and ipointed the way to refusing certificating when an order of suc a disciplinary body was under review.

justice. That, therefore, was the only issue the court was concerned with.

The board of visitors was a cresture of the Prison Act, 1952. Its duties were diverse and included disciplinary powers. The Act was backed up by comprehensive rules. Under the rules the prison governor had power to impose his own penalties, but in cases of more serious offences it was provided that the governor should inform the Secretary of State, and unless it was otherwise directed the charge was then referred to the visitors.

the charge was then referred to the visitors.

For a long time it seemed that the argument was going to turn on whether remission was a matter of grace and not a night; but at the end of the day it did not seem that the argument turned on whether the court was dealing with rights or privileges.

Starting with the question whether certioran would go, his Lordstip said that it was recognized that there was no precise definition of the sort of order which could be subject to attack by certiorarl. There were no formal boundaries, but useful pointers could be derived from the authorities.

for certiorari. Instinctively it would be thought to be within the category to which certiorari applied. There was really no question that the decision of the visitors was a judicial act for

a disciplinary body was under review.

At first his Lordship though that it was a principle which would apply only to the prison governor and it was not until the argumen progressed some way that the principle. The reason was that the prison, and his Lordship could no fare see how, if the governor was left a court of review by the courts. The prison, and his Lordship could no fare see how, if the governor was left a court of review by the courts. The prison and the prison was based on the indimate character of thurship relation between the board ochevisitors and the prison.

His Lordship agreed with the only be readed to the prison of Lord Denning 14 to Becker v Home Office ([1972 here 2 QB 407, 418): "If the courterors were to entertain actions by district gruntled prisoners, the governors able. The discipling of the prison by would be undermined." That was the final consideration which his continuity is the final consideration which his continuity is the final consideration which his continuity is the conclusion that of the prison of the prison by the final consideration which his continuity is the conclusion that of the conclusion that of the prison of the prison by the final consideration which his continuity is the final continuity is the final continuity is the fin

Lord. Justice Cumming Brucche delivered a concurring judgmenate and Mr Justice Park agreed. Solicitors: George E. Baker & Co., Guidford; Philip Hamer dia Co., Hull; Bindman & Partners & Douglas-Mann & Co for Patterson Glenton & Stracey, South Shields Ms Hilary Kitchin; Bindman & Partners for Clough & Co., Bradford; Treasury Solicitor.

Science report

Radioactivity: Unusual levels noted in Sweden :

to ensure that underground tasts by countries signatory to the partial test ban treaty do not leak radioactivity across national are France and Cana. In acompaare occasional underground test
does release some radioactivity to
the atmosphere. Sampling of both
deliberate and uninentional radioactive pollution is done with
ground-based stations, reinforced
where necessary by ship and aircraft-based collecting devices.
Sweden has eight ground stations
that give approximately weekly
readings of radioactive materials.
In january, 1976, the Chipese
held a low-yield atmospheric test
and for a month or so afterwards
radioactive debris was widely reported. But in mid-March, when
those levels had substantially derlined, there was a brief but
significant burst of further activity
in southern Sweden and Finland
(British stations reported nothing
untoward). Most notably, activity
came largely from radio-isotopes
of molybdenum and neptunium;
the isotopes in question have only
a half-life of a couple of days.

molybdenum and neptunius of occurred in mid-April, acconous panied by a small quantity indicates and barium. And on thresh, other occasions in 1976 smalling quantities of the short-lived radii it pusitive were detected.

Dr Lars Erik de Geer, of the Swedish National Defence Relative in Swedishing those observations, he reporting those observations, he is

essertions, which were based of unexpected construction activitie, at the Soviet nuclear test site and on unusual amounts of hydrogon detected recently in the armometer, have not by any mexical phere, have not by any mexical phere in the second of the company o

By Nature-Times News Service.
Source: Science, 198, 925, (December 2, 1977).
Nature-Times News Service.

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net, before tax; tax not disclosed):
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25 years ago From The Times of Saturday, Dec 6, 1952

General Eisenhower has completed a three-day tour of the Korean battle rone during which he saw frost-libe units, including British Commonwesith troops, and conferred with President Ribee of South Korea. At a press conference in Secul the President-elect said he had no panaceas to offer, but much could and would be done to improve the allied position in Korea. When the party arrived at Secul, which had had its first heavy snowfall of the winter on the previous night, it was met by milliary officers and escorted by armed cars to Eighth Army headquarters where General Mark Clark and General Van Fleet freeted the President-elect.

Latest appointments



professor of chemistry, Sus-University, to be Chief Scienti, Adviser, Ministry of Defence. Other appointments include: Dr G. J. R. McHardy to be member of the council of T Royal College of Physicians Edinburgh

Edinburgh
Air Marshal A. C. Davies to director of the internation in littery staff of Nato in succession to Lieutenant-Gene Gerbardt Schmueckle of Wordermany.

Mr John Alexander, educationficer for Gratada Television be the new senior educationficer (schools) for the BB School Broadcasting Council.

Alan Jamieson is now known chief education officer.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 6: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.
The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the National Playing Fields Association, this morning at Buckingham Palace presented the President's Certificates for 1977 to members of the Association.

His Royal Highness, Patron, this afternoon visited the Spanish and Portuguese Jews' Home for the Aged; Forty Avenue, Wembley,
The Duke of Edinburgh was received upon arrival by the Mayor of Brent (Alderman B. Swannell) and the President of the Home (Sir Alan Mocatus).

His Royal Highness, President of the North Kensingson Housing Action Area and was received by the Director, National Federation of Housing Associations, (Area and Was received by the Director, National Federation of Housing Associations (Mr. Richard Best) and the Mayor of fine Royal Borough of Kensingson and Chelsea (Councillor P. H. Methnen).

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron

and Chelses (Councillor P. H. Methmen).
The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, gave a Reception at Buckingham, Palace this evening for Friends of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.
His Royal Highness, President of the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications, was present at dinner with the Institute's Officers at the Cavendish Hotel, Jermyn

liver.
Lieutenant-Commander Anthony
Blackburn, RN, was in attendance.
The Prince of Wales attended:
the Annual Dinner of the Farmers'
Club at the Grovenor House Lady Abel Smith has succeeded Mrs John Dugdale as Lady in Walting to The Queen.

Birthdays today Mr Donald Crichton-Miller, 71; Sir Terence Garvey, 62; Major-General R. E. Lloyd, 71.

Luncheons

HM Government HM Government
Mr Edward Rowlands, Minister of
State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a
luncheon at Carlton Gardens, in
honour of a Brazilian InterParliamentary Union delegation,
led by Semhor Francisco Accioly.
The Brazilian Ambassador was
among the guests.

Belgian Chamber of Commerce in Great Britzin in Great Britain.

Mr Alan Grant, Chairman of the
Westminster Chamber of Commerce, was the guest speaker at
a luncheon given by the Belgian
Chamber of Commerce in Great
Britain at the Arts Club yesterday,
M. G. Roberty, chairman of the
Belgian chamber, presided.

Marriage

The marriage took place in London on December 2 between M Marc Algarra, only son of M and Mme Vincent Algarra, 67 79 rue Amsterdam, Paris 8, and Miss. Nescin Elizabeth-Hickmet, eddest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ferid Hickmet, of Buxton, Darbyshire.

CLARENCE HOUSE December 6: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, a Master of the Middle Temple, was pleased to dine with her fellow Benchers at the Middle Temple this evening.

The Lady Grimthorpe and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Master of the Bench, this evening dined in Hall at Lincoln's Inn.
The Hon Mrs Whitehead and Major The Lord Napier and Eurick were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE ... December 6: The Duke of Clourester, as President, visited the Royal Smidnied Show at Earls Court this morning. Lieutemant-Colonel Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE December 6: The Duke of Kent this afternoon visited London Weekend Television at Kent House, London. Captain James Greenfield was in

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE December 6: Princess Alexandra-this morning visited Longcroft, a home in Lancaster sponsored by the Langley House Trust, on the occasion of the tenth anniversary

year.

Her Royal Highness, Chaocellor of the University of Lancaster, this afternoon presided at a congregation for the conferment of higher degrees.

Princess Alexandra, who travelled to Lancastire in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by the Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard.

A memorial service for Lord Rowallan will take place on December 19 in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, at noon. The annual dinner of Vincent's Club, Oxford, will be held on Thursday, April 6, at Lord's Cricket Ground.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the Spastics Society, will attend the Olympia International Show Jumping Championships on Decem-ber 15 in aid of the Stars Organi-zation for Spastics.

Memorial services

Marjorie, Marchioness or Tweeddale

A memorial service for Marjorie Marchioness of Tweeddale was held at St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, yesterday. The Rev Dr J. Fraser McLuskey officiated and Mr Michael Nettlefold (500) read the lesson. Among these presents were: tions (Sour read the lesson. Among these present were: Mrs Bavie Wren law; Mr and Mrs Bavie Wren williams (son-in-law and daughter). Miss Pensippe Nettlerida and Mrs Rudolf Stein (daughters), Mr Charles Nettlerida, Mr Julian Nettlerida, Mr Julian Nettlerida, Mr Julian Nettlerida, Wrm Williams (grandchildren), Mr and Mrs Williams (grandchildren), Mr and Mrs

Sir Jack Scamp

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A mankagiving service for the life and work of Sir Jack Scamp was held in Coventry Cashedral on Monday, December 5. The Bishop of Coventry was present. The Very Rev H. C. N. Williams, Provost, officiated, assisted by Canon S. S. Smalley, Precentry Canon R. S. O. Stevens and Lord Nelson of Sinford read the lessons and Professor Hugh Clegg gave an address. The Secretary of Sizes for Employment was represented. Among those present were:

Lady Scamp, Mr John Scamp, Dr and Mrs Brian Hill, Mrs B. Bromley, Mrs In Brian Hell, Mrs B. Bromley, Mrs Scamp.
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Service dinner

The attendon sale included a new anction record price for a Chagali drawing of £32,000 (estimate £15,000 to £20,000) was paid for "Fleur de la vie.", a bird posed over a bunch of flowers. floating over a town. A Cézanne watercolour of Pontoise, dating a quarter unsold. The top prices of the day were paid by Japanese and Middle East buyers. A Camille Pissarro land-scape of 1889. "Pruniers en

Dr C. Adam
and Mrs C. A. Rooker-Roberts
The sugagement is announced
between Cive Adam, of Porchester
Square, London, W2, and Ceanga
Rocker-Roberts, of Baton Square,
London, SW1.

son of Dr and Mrs J. Boyd, of Fallowfield, Manchester, and Dr Jeanette Derdement, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs B. A.-Derdement, of Athens, Greece. The marriage will take place in Athens in January.

Renoir and

Chagall riding high

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

Sale Room Correspondent
The art of the past 100 years must
be colourful and pretty to find
buyers easily; that seemed to be
the message from Christie's yesterday. Renoir and Chagall were
riding high but more difficult
works, where you need to read
the art history books to understand what it is all about, evoked
less enthusiasm. This was Christie's major autumn sale of Impresdionist and modern paintings and
sculpture; the total was
\$1.215,300, with 40 per tent unsold.

The price barrier clearly has

sold.

The price berrier clearly has something to do with salability, for an afternoon sale, devoted to watercolours and drawings, worth in the main under \$1.000 each, turned in a rotal of \$227,730, with a quarter probab.

Forthcoming

Mr D. S. Duncan and Miss J. J. Duncan and Miss J. J. Duncan
The engagement is announced
between David Sheritt, son of Mr
and Mrs J. S. Duncan, 4 South
Fark Drive, Peebles, and Indith
fean, younger daughter of Mr and
Mrs I. R. Duncan, 133 Hill House
Road, Edinburgh.

Mr P. J. F. Ellott and Miss D. F. J. Davies The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Frank Ellion, of Trinny Lodge, Loddon, Norfolk, and Deborab, daughter of Mrs Joan Davies, of De Vers Gardens, Ken-sington, London.

Mr M. H. Streatfelid and Miss A. J. P. Walkiden and Miss A. J. P. Walkiden
The engagement is announced
between Mark Henry, youngest
sou of the late Brigadier R. J.
Smeatfelld, DSO, and Mrs Streatfelld, of Chested, Chiddingsome,
Keut, and Amanda Jane Petrie,
only daughter of Mr and Mrs S. N.
Walkiden, of Granville House,
Midhurst, Sussex.

Mr G. R. Pickering and Miss N. Rutherford

Royal Scots Dragoon Guards
The regimental disner of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards took place at the Savoy Hotel yesterday. Colonel H. T. Brassey, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

and Miss N. Rutherford
The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, son of Mr and Mrs T. R. Pickering, of Pinner, Middlesex, and Nicholette, daughter of Captain W. F. H. C. Rutherford, CBE, DSO, RN (Retd.), and Mrs Rutherford, of Farnham, Surrey.

£5,000 Premium Bond prizewinners

Mr A. S. Afkins and Miss A. A. D. Briggs

The engagement is announced between Shaun, elder son of Mr and Mrs F. W. Atkins, of Potters Ber. and Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. D. Briggs, of Cambridge.

"Pruniers en fleurs", painted by Pissarro in 1889, which was sold for £78,000 at Christie's.

fleurs ", went to Okada from Japan at £78,000 testimate £45,000 to £55,000); the same dealer paid £40,000 (estimate £30,000 to £35,000) for Utrillo's "L'Eglise St-Medard" of 1913. El Zenny, a Beirut dealer who has moved to London, paid £76,000 (estimate £40,000 to £50,000) for a small, brighily colouted late Renoir, "Femmes datts un paysage" of 1918. An Iraidan collector paid £54,000 (estimate £45,000 to £55,000) for "Le Quai à Faris", a bridal couple floating over Paris by Chagali,

a bridal couple floating over Paris by Chagall.

The work that had been expected to feature as the highlight of the sale was a Degas pastel "Chez la modiste", of about 1898. It was unsold at £100,000 (estimate £100,000 to £130,000). After the event, explanations of why Important pictures do not sell are always interesting. This picture depicts two women attaching astrich feathers to smart hats. "Of course, the woman on the right has no head; a tricky picture because of the swkward composition", one comment ran.

comment ran.
The afternoon sale included a

Mr P. Baifour and Migs L. A. Johnston

The engagement is announced between Fatrick, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Balfour, of Seal, Sevenoaks, Kent, and Lesley Ann, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs I. D. Johnston, of Hongkong.

Mr N. de Jong
and Miss G. Holdaway
The engagement is announced
between Nicholas, aider son of
Mr and Mrs de Jong, of Solibuli,
West Midlands, and Gafl. daughter
of Mr and Mrs Holdaway, of
Heythrop, Oxfordshire.

Mr K. Hastings-Splini and Miss H. M. Bickerton

and Miss H. M. Buckerton.
The engagement is announced between Kerry Hastings-Spital, son of Mr and Mrs P. Hastings, of Spelland Farm House, Brede, near Rye, Sussex, and Helen Margaret, twin danghter of Mr and Mrs D. G. S. Bickerton, of The Cedars, Shrawsbury, Salop.

Applications
The Duke of Edinburgh, president,
was enterfained at dimer by the
officers of the Institute of Matthematics and its Applications at the
Cavendish Hotel last night. Sir
Hermann Bondi, immediate pastpresident, presided. Others present
included:
Dame Kableon Ollstvashaw, Miss Dame Kableon Ollstonshaw, Miss Cathering Richards, Professor, Brobe Senlamin, Mr Norman Clarke, Mr F. W. Kellaway, Mr J. H. McDon, Boll. Mr R. A. Scriven, Dr Bygen Thwaltes, Dr P. C. Wakey and Licutonshi-Cogmunder D. A. J. Blackburn, RN. Mr A. D. Ormrod and Miss C. J. Francis The engagement is announced between Alan Douglas, son of Mr and Mrs A. Ormrod, of Kings Park, Glasgow, and Carey Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. T. C. Francis, of Kingswood, Surrey.

Mr A. S. Macrache and Miss T. Cole

and sins 1. Cole
The engagement is announced
between Abraham, eldest son of
Mr and Mrs S. A. Marrache, of
Fortress House, Gibraltar, and
Theano, younger daughter of Mr
and Mrs L. Cossantell, of Woodside, Highelere, Newbury, Berkabire.

Mr H. B. Swainston and Miss C. M. Knight and suss C. M. Kinght
The engagement is abnounced
between Hugh Edward, elder son
of Mr and Mrs J. N. Swainston,
of Stillands, Chiddingfold, Surrey,
and Christina Mary, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. J. Knight,
of Fort House, Burgh-by-Sands,
Chaphria.

OBITUARY

MARSHAL ALEXANDER VASSILEVSKY

Russian battle planning in the Second World War

paigns against the Germans of the Supreme Soviet. from 1941 to 1943, has died in was a key figure in Soviet army planning of the Battles of Moscow, Stalingrad and Kursk and was mode a Marshal Russian Civil War, first as a of the Soviet Union in 1943. private and later rising to Towards the end of the war Vassilevsky was Commander in the Soviet General Staff in Chief of Soviet Forces in the 1937 and was Deputy and then Far East during the Russian Chief of Operations Control drive into Manchuria which during 1941 to 1942. From 1946 was an added inducement to 1949 he was Chief of the the Japanese to surrender after the bombing of Hiroshima and Negaszki. Vassilevsky was twice

Marshal Alexander Mikhailo- Staff and Soviet Minister of vich Vassilevsky who played a significant role in the campaigns against the Germans Committee and was a Deputy Vassilevsky was born in 1895 Moscow at the age of 82. He and saw action in the First

battalion commander. He fought with the Red Army in the command a regiment. He joined Soviet General Staff: Minister of Armed Forces 1949 to 1950; and Minister of Defence from honoured with the title of Hero of the Soviet Union during the war years.

Following the war he served as Chief of the Soviet General in 1944.

MR ANDRE EGLEVSKY

his generation and subsequently
a teacher of note, died on
December 4 in Elmira, NY,
where he was to have produced
The Nutcracker. His sixtieth
birthday would have been on
December 21. He collapsed,
apparently of a heart attack,
and was dead by the time medical help arrived.

from about 1677-82, made £20,000 (estimate £18,000 to £22,000), to an Iranian collector.

Sotheby's Belgravia were holding the second major sale of Victorian paintings of the autumn, which totalled £193,890, with 9 per cent unsold. The sale contained a cautionary tale of how hard one may have to work to make a profit as a dealer. A peasant interior entitled "The Rival Lovers", by Charles Hunt, dated 1876, had been bought by Richard Green at an Andrew Grant auction in Worcester on October 5 for £2,500; it had obviously been consigned to Sotheby's at the last moment, for in the catalogue it was listed as lot 114a an insertion in the numbering. The painting was sold to the Gallery Klewan for £3,000.

If one deducts Sotheby's commission and charges for a colour illustration from that price, the profit on the transaction cannot have been more than £150 or so, hardly worth the effort of visiting Worcester and Belgravis. Nevertheless, yesterday's purchaser, paid \$600 (including premium) more than he would have had to pay in Worcester. In his prime Eglevsky bad a phenomenal physical ability. His slow multiple pirouettes, a dozen or so at a time, attracted great admiration in Massine's of sixting in the air.

Born in Moscow, André Eglevsky was brought very young to France, where he grew up. He took his first ballet classes in Nice, for health reasons, but showed greet transite and was whited to compromise and was advised to con-nique his studies in Paris with the émigré Russiane, Egorova, Kobessinska and Volinine. At 14 he joined Colonel de Basil's Ballets Russea de Monte Carlo end was soon dancing solo roles. After a season with Leon Wolrikovsky's company, Eglevsky joined René Blum's Ballers Russes in 1936. There, Mikhaid Foldne took a special interest in his takents, creating for him the leading part in L'Epreuve d'amour and reviving Le Spectre de le Taxes and a more difficult de la Rose and a more difficult solo in Les Sylphides.

Worcester.

The top price in the sale was £5,000 (assimate £5,000 to £10,000) for a pair of palmings by Augustus Leopold Egg entitled "The Bite and death of Bucklogham", selling to Jeremy Mass.

Baroness Hylton-Foster, president, London branch, British Red Cross Society, welcomed guests at a reception at the Kensington and Chelses Centre last night, to mark the completion of the centre's

The president and council of the Electronic Engineering Association field a reception at the Savoy Hotel yesterday evening for members of her this interior Communications

members of Parliament and repre-sensatives of the Civil Service and looustry. The guests were received by Mr R. H. Newham, president.

Institute of Mathematics and its Applications

Farmers' Club Wales was the principal gnest at the annual dinner of the Farmers' Club at Grosvenor House last night. Mr G. R. Stewart Sandeman, president, was in the chair. Among those present were:

G. R. SIEWERT SANGEMEN, President, was in the chair. Among those present were: Lard and Lady Mancroft. Sir Christopher and inc Mon Lady Soames. Mr. John Pevton, MP. and Mrs Peyton, Sir Hichard and Lady Trebane, Mr. and Mrs R. Parul and Mrs and Mrs R. Parul and Mrs and Mrs R. Parul and Mrs and Mrs R.

European-Atlantic Group

Receptions

British Red Cross Society

Electronic Engineering Association

Dinners

From 1937 Eglevsky settled with his wife, the dancer Leda Anchutina, in the United States and became an American citison. He appeared with several companies, notably American Ballet Theatre and New York City Relat with hath of which

Mr André Eglevsky, one of be later toured Europe. He was the greatest builet dancers of also for a time after the war his generation and subsequently the star of the Marquis de a reacher of note, died on Cuevas's Grand Ballet de Monte Carlo. In 1952 he rook a lead-

ing part in Chaplin's film, Limelight. Eglevsky brought exceptional Eglevsky brought exceptional brilliance and apparent easo to the classic repertory. Among many roles created for him were the caricaturist in Mam'zelle Angot and the tide part in Mad Trictan, both by Massine, and Paris in Lichine's Helen of Troy. He was probably at his best, however, in Fokine's ballets and in a long series of works by Belanchine, including Apollo and several parts made for him, among which the male leads in Caracole, Scotch Symphony and two Pas de Trois (to music by Minkus and Glinka) were outstanding. He was himself the

Minkus and Glinka) were out-standing. He was himself the choreographer of a surrealist ballet. Sentimental Colloquy, to music by Paul Bowles, but that deservedly short-lived work probably owed more to its designer, Dall. Egleveky retired from regular performances in 1958 to open a ballet school in Massapequa, Long Island. For a time he con-Long Island. For a time he continued to appear occasionally with his own company, consisting largely of his pupils. In January 1975 he made a special return to the New York stage for a gala to mark Ballet Theatre's thirry-fifth anniver-Theatre's thirry-lifth anniversary, taking part in the "Rose adagio" from The Sleeping Beauty with undiminished buthority and style. He continued to teach also at the School of American Ballet in New York. His outstanding gifts as producer and coach were shown when he curche Te

were shown when he taught Le Spectre de la Rose to Mikhail Barysholicov in 1975. His daughter, Marina, follows her

MR WILLIAM J. BROWN

Mr Wikliam John Brown, MC, Society at meetings of the Vice-President of the Lew International Bar Association Society, died on December 4 at on the subject of monopolies and recruiting president. the age of 66. He read for the became a member of the Coun-Ber while teaching at a preparation of the Law Society in 1962 tory school and was called in and at the dare of his death 1934, after which he was conward for some years in the years he was Legal Corresponduction of the Law Journal. dent to The Field (he was born and bred a farmer), and wrote the Computation of the Law Journal. tory school and was called in 1934, after which he was concerned for some years in the production of the Law Journal.

In the Second World War he was commiss.cored in the 2nd books on the mythology of birds Battalion the Scots Guards, and certain aspects of the served in the 5th Army with Treaty of Rome In 1949 he considerable distinction, being severely wounded and winning commistee of Inquiry on the MC. After the War he decided to become a solicitor and was admitted in 1948, becoming a partner in the firm of Bristows Cooke and Carpmael.

His advice was much in demand in connexion with references to in connexion with references to the Monopolies Commission, and he represented the Law

profession and among his many friends, as well as by his de-voted family.

Peasant in Tolstoy's The Fruits of Enlightenment, which used to send hardened critics in

Besides Firs and Chebutikin,

dented raptures.

ALEXEI GRIBOV

Alexei Gribov, the Russian The Lower Depths and Profi-stage, film, and television gayev in Yegor Bulichov all by actor, and one of the last Gorki, Yepikhodov and Firs in surviving members of the Mos-cow Art Theatre's old guard, kin in Three Sisters and The actor, and one of the last surviving members of the Moscow Art Theatre's old guard, has died in Moscow, aged 75.

Born in Moscow on January 31, 1902, Gribov joined the Moscow Art Theatre in 1924 on graduating from its Third Studio, and made his debut as Mr Craggs in Charles Dickens's The Battle of Life. Creator of over 50 roles, including that of the original Lenin in Pogodia's Kremlin Chimes which won him a State Prize in 1942, Gribov was a short, stocky actor who to paroxysms of uncontrollable laughter. Besides Firs and Chebutikin, two of the highlights of Peter Daubeny's Moscow Art Theatre Season at the Sadler's Wells Theatre in 1958, he will best be remembered by World Theatre Season patrons for his Sobakevich in Gogol's Dead Souls in 1964, a singularly satirical performance arising from the simulation of bodily unease, that sent more than one was a short, stocky actor who was noted above all as a delineator of the Russian national character, for the interpretation of which he combined simplicity of expression with a way comic consecution. unease, that sent more than one London critic into unprecewith a wry comic sense, that would at times border on crude A Communist Party member since 1944, and a Peoples' Artist since 1948, Gribov won

caricature.

Among his most enduring Artist since 1944, and a Peoples' Artist since 1948, Gribov won characterizations were Globa in numerous state and other Simonov's The Russian People, awards, including three Stalin Levshin in Enemies, Luka in Prizes.

Lady Harris, widow of Briga-dier Sir Lionel Harris, KBE, Engineer-in-chief GPO, 1954-60, died on October 29. She was died on October 29. She was Daisy Edith Barkel, and she was married in 1920. Her husband died in 1971.

The Hon Mrs Connor, widow of the Rev H. L. Comor and eldest daughter of the second Baron Airedale, died on October 28. She was married in 1920 and her husband died in 1959. She was 85.

the age of 72, was Chief Constable of Lincolnshire from 1956 until his retirement in 1969. Before taking that post he was for nine years Chief Constable of the Leeds City police force.

Mr John William Barnett,

who died on November 23, at

Mr Vedat Ali Ozkan, a for-mer Turkish Minister of Public Health, has died in Ankara during a mayoral election campaign in the city. He was 53.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Pairon and Twelfth Man, presents Lord's Taverners Schweppes County Championship Trophy to Middlesex County Cricket Club, Buckingham Palace, 10; as Patron and Trastee of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, attends Variety Club Lunch, Carlton Tower hotel, 12.45; visits Ranfurly Library Service. Kensington, 2.45; attends Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851 Buffer Supper, 170 Queen's Gate, 7.15.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother visits Royal Smithfield Show, Earls Court, 11.15.

Princess Margarer attends Silver Jubilee British-American Ball, Grosvenor House, 8.30. The Duke of Gloucester presents

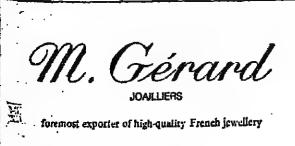
prizes at Tom Nevard annual prizegiving for Ministry of Defence tradesmen apprentices, Ministry of Defence, Whitehall, 11.40.

British Overseas Trade Board, visits factories of Robertsons Food International, Droyleden, TBA Industrial Products, Rochdale, and Gullick-Dobson, Wigan, 11.15.

The Duke of Kent, vice-chairman,

St Margaret Pattens, Eastcheap:
Advent carols, King's College
Singers 's udenty of King's
College Lowien), 1.05.





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European-Atlantic Group
The European-Arlantic Group, in association with the Europeau Movement, held a dinner at St Ermin's Hotel last night (by courtesy of Sir John Rodgers, MP) after a meeting held in the Honse of Commons, at which Lord Thomson of Monifieth spoke on the future of European regional development. Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker was chairman of the dinner and among other speakers were Sir Frederic Benment, MP, Mr Tom Ellis, MP, Sir Frank Roberts and Sir John Rodgers, MP. Among those present were: The Help Commissioner for Mauritins and Larly Technical the Service and Strate of Mauritins and Larly Technical Larly Benner, Mr Tom Ellis, Mp, Sir Frank Roberts and Larly Benner, Mr Services and Sir John Rodgers, MP. Among those present were: The Help Commissioner for Mauritins and Larly Technical Larly Benner, Mrs Elma Dangerfield, Lady Benner, Mrs Elma Dangerfield, Lady Benner, Mr Russell Fatheries. Mr Count Edward Holon, Sir Rason, Murray, Count Edward Holon, Sir Rason, Murray, Count Edward Holon, Sir Rason, Murray, Count Edward Racynski, Lord and Lady Sandford, Lady Thomson of Momifieth, Rusr-Admiral G. Watson, Mr Breest Wistreth and Other mumbers of both Houses of Partiament.

Weavers' Company Weavers' Contoany The Lord Mayor, accompanied The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, was present at a livery dinner given by the Weavers' Company at Vintiers' Hall last night. The Upper Bailiff. Lord Gorell, received the guests. The Lord Mayor replied to the civic toast, proposed by the Upper Bailiff. The toast of the guests was present by the

The annual dinner of the Society of London Golf Captains was held at the Connaught Rooms last night. Captain Mr T. D. Cooper, chairman, presided. The guest of honour was Mr Wilbur M. Muirhead, Captain of the R & A.

guests was produced by the guests was produced by the Upper Warden, Mr O. A. E. J. Makower, and Lord Nathan responded. Institute of Brewing The bigamial dinner of the Insti-The biennial dinner of the Institute of Brewing was held on the
evening of December 5 at the
Hilton hotel. Viscount Boyd of
Merton was guest of honour and
Mr C. H. Tidbury presided. Among
other guests were Professor A. G.
Ward, Chairman of the Food
Standards Committee, and Professor Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer,
Master of St Catharine's College,
Cambridge.

Britain
The Pharmaceutical Society of
Great Britain held a council
dinner at 1 Lambeth High Street
last night. Mrs Estelle Leigh,
president, presided. The principal
guest and speaker was Mr Alfred
Morris, MP. Society of London Golf Captains

Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

Today's engagements

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Peace is primary aim-but not at any price

by Denis Taylor

been the twists and turns cluding his implicit recogniin Egyptian foreign policy tion of the state of Israel, willingness of Israel to negoin the past few weeks that which the other Arabs reone could be forgiven for gard as throwing away a thinking that it had gone crucial card before negotiacompletely into reverse, par. tions have even begun. ticularly now that Cairo has The reactions to his chaibroken off diplomatic rela- lenge to the Arab world Cairo, however, that in spite tions with Syria, Libya, have been for the most part of his evident reservations

But the overall aims of and President Sadat's strategy re- efforts to keep the middle main nuch more consistent ground. Inviting the Israelis to Cairo was bound to produce an anti-Egyptian suming the program back since his visir breath back since his visit to Jerusalem.

First-and this was the point of his dramatic break with precedent in going to the capital of the state with which Cairo has been in a state of war for almost 30 years-he wants peace in the region. Egypt, as Mr Sadat has not hesitated to point out, has borne more of the burden of the conflict than any other Arab nation.

Apart from the loss of blood, there has been a constant drain on one of the most hard-pressed economies in the world. It has long been clear that Egypt's in official Cairo circles, believing for a passeful settle. desire for a peaceful settlement of the Middle East ment of the Middle East publicly aired, was that Mr struggle trunscended that of Begin was modifying his the other confrontation apparent fundamentalism states, notably Syria, and under force of circumstanthat of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO)—

clude the implications of the tion Organization (PLO)but not peace at any price.

Agriculture

dairy production.

Agriculture and land reclamation are vital

sectors of the Egyptian economy.
Investment – both foreign and domestic – in

this area includes animal production and water

wealth as high priorities. Important, too, are the

poultry raising and cattle breeding, fishing, and

cultivation of fruit and vegetables for export,

foreseen were the tactics the settlement Egyptian leader would employ in order to try to give an impetus to this aim, in Egyptians seemed to

Algeria and South Yemon predictable, from the violent after the anti-Sudat measures outbursts of Iraq to Syria's adopted in Tripoli this week, more measured disapproval jordan's agonizing

> As his speech to the Knesset showed, President Sad-at's mission was not an attempt to negotiate a peace treary between Empt and Israel but to call for a regional settlement embracing fundamental Arab de mands for an Israeli withdrawal from the territories occupied in 1967 and the right of the Palestinians to have their own state. Any dilution of those conditions would have immediately and entirely destroyed his credibility among the Arabs,
> Time will show whether

Sadat visit to Jerusalem was on Organization (PLO)— unpracedented foint Soviet-ut not peace at any price. American statement early in What could not have been October, which called for a

under no illusions about the

nate with the PLO, so that Mr Begin's subsequent re-actions on the Palestinian issue can hardly have come as a surprise.

There is obvious satisfacThere was a feeling in tion that the Russians have con the question President sides in the conflict between Carter was gradually moving Ethiopia and Somalia.

The practical fruits of the practical frui that is the case, it must then that is the case, it must men be asked whether the Egyp-tians, like other Arabs, are not taking far too simple a view of Washington's ability

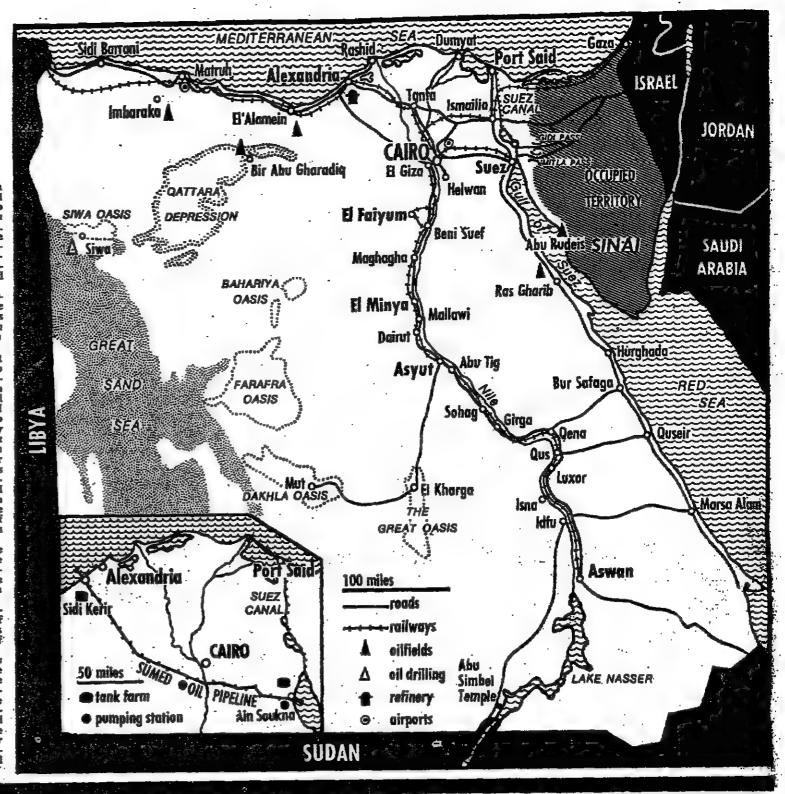
or desire to put pressure on Egypt's attitude towards countries met together for the super powers remeans the first time. The idea is consistent. The partern was set when President Sadat cal, economic, cultural and expelled his Source military. expelled his Soviet unitary advisors in 1972 and subse-quently committed himself

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Anew open door policy

As part of Egypt's forward-looking programme to re-vitalise her economy, the People's Assembly has approved a number of amendments to the country's investment

These amendments: covering exchange rates, taxation, customs duties and the repatriation of profits, make Egypt's current investment climate one in which overseas

Industry

In the past the Egyptian economy has been heavily orientated towards agriculture.

Today the emphasis has shifted to include industrial development. With a substantial. industrial export trade already under way, over one million of the country's workforce are employed in industrial activities.

Thus investment from overseas is encouraged in metallurgical concerns, the engineering and electronic industries, textiles, chemicals, building materials, foodstuffs, mining investors will see their projects come to fruition more smoothly than ever before.

During the next four years, projected schemes will be undertaken to build up the country's involvement in agriculture, textiles, housing, transportation, engineering, mining, finance and food stuffs to the benifit of both Egypt and foreign investors alike.

Tourism

Egypt was a great civilisation with a centralised government over 3,000 years before the birth of Christ.

Nowadays the fertile banks of the Nile steeped in the ancient history of the Pharoahs' land attract thousands of tourists each year. For those who look for the sun in winter, and who have an interest in history and archaeology, Egypt is an ideal place.

Foreign investment is invited to improve facilities for tourists through the construction of hotels, tourist cities and villages, camping

Financial institutions

Beyond the investment potential of agriculture, industry and tourism, Egypt's new policy opens the door for the establishment of. a variety of institutions to provide adequate financing for any accepted investment project.

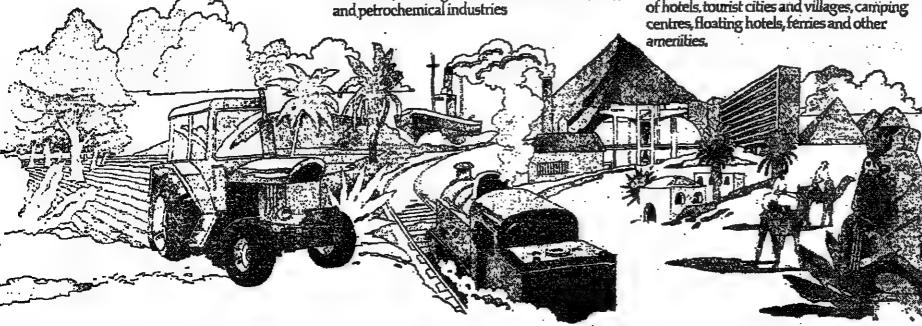
Opportunities now exist for investment companies, investment banks, merchant banks, and reinsurance companies to open branch offices in Egypt or to establish institutions constituted in Egypt.

The progress so far

Already Egypt's investment programme is far-advanced.

This table shows the scope and involvement of foreign investors whose projects are currently under way. It is an indication of the way in which, in partnership with overseas industrialists. Egypt is committed to a comprehensive programme of economic growth.

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A performer on the world stage

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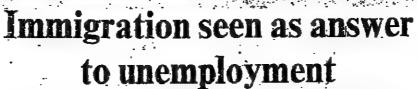
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Sadat raises hopes for future

by Edward Mortimer will be exploited by com-

risen through the army or the bureaucracy to positions of influence during the Nasser regime.

Roth have profited from the liberalization of the economic system since 1973, the influx of oil money from The Goff and the availability of imported consumer goods. Money can be made by taking agencies, by speculating in real estate, by owing or managing negative of attempts to righten up beloning companies, by owing or managing negative of attempts to righten up beloning companies or individuals to get around the bottlenecks which characterize Egyptian society. It can be spent on a whole range of imported luxury goods of their country. Almost all sold with very little difficulty it can now be taken out of the country.

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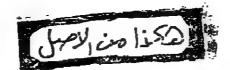
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After the Russian wedding, West offers its arms

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Help from other Arab states staves off bankruptcy

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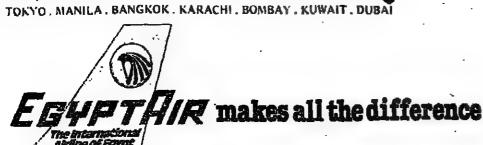
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Increased opportunities in wake of strife

by Robert Mabro

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The author is director, for increased imports. In Egypt will need much for Middle East Centre, St. 1975 the balance of payments eign aid for some years in Antony's College, Oxford.

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Open-door policy shows up inequalities

by Edward Mortimer

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Living with the worst phone service

by Alan Mackie

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Our ancient ambassadors would be proud of us.

Five years ago London saw what was to prove to be one of the most exciting and popular exhibitions ever staged in Europe.

Displayed in the British Museum, the treasures of Tutankhamun were to stimulate the imaginations of all who saw the exhibition. An interest in Egypt, dormant in the minds of countless men, women and children, was stirred by the breathtaking beauty of the boy King's golden mask, and the fabulous wealth of riches embodied in the artefacts recovered from

In all, over one-and-a-half million people queued to see Tutankhamun in London. At any one time there might be a wait of as much as eight hours before visitors could gain admission to the Museum. Even on the very last day of the exhibition's phenomenal and unprecedented run, people were still hoping to gain admission, only to be turned away as the doors closed for the last time.

Now such scenes are anticipated in cities throughout the United States of America. In Washington DC, where the exhibition's tour began, it has been as popular as it was in London. And, in New York, where the Metropolitan Museum of Art published a specially commissioned illustrated volume priced at \$35.00, Tutankhamun so caught the public's imagination that the first edition of the book was sold out in a matter of weeks.

Thus, the first of Egypt's 'ancient ambassadors' has done much to rekindle interest in a country whose history goes back to a time when, over 3,000 years before the birth of Christ, Egypt, under the rule of the mighty Pharaohs, gave the world a culture and civilisation which has seldom been matched for its achievements and its grandeur.

An ambassador for the future

Today, while the memory of Tutankhamun still lingers on in Europe, fostered by the boy King's enchanting good looks and the fascinating tragedy of his all-too-short life, a second 'ancient ambassador' is abroad, maintaining interest in a land which, while mindful of its past, now looks forward to its future

Rameses II, whose treasures have been on display in Paris, was one of the last great warrior Pharaohs of Egypt. A man of immense energy, he was the author of the plans to build the magnificent temples at Abu Simbel. Now moved to a

new site, beyond the reach of the rising waters of the Nile as they gather and fill behind the Aswan High Dam, the temples stand as testimony to a culture and a way of life which, for centuries, has been an example to the world.

Growth for the next decade

In the last few years, Egypt has begun to re-build again.

The Government has been pursuing an 'open-door' policy designed to rehabilitate the country's economy and re-establish the country's wealth.

following the events of 1973. At the same time, positive initiatives have been, and are being, made by President Sadat and his Government towards the positive realisation of permanent peace, based on justice, in the Middle East.

This 'open-door' policy aims to encourage foreign investment in Egyptian-based projects with a view to augmenting the efforts being made on a domestic level.

Where once much of Egypt's industry was in public ownership, a system of management by objectives and results is slowly being introduced as more and more industrial control passes into the hands of individual companies. Free to make investments in renovation and modernisation, companies are also being given the power to determine their own levels of production, and their own prices. In the agricultural sector, producer prices are being brought more closely into line with international prices, at levels which provide incentives and rewards for farmers.

.. Similarly, various projects are under way to deepen and widen the Suez Canal with a view to increasing Egypt's involvement with world trade. At the same time, work is in progress to construct tunnels under the Canal to make a closer link between the Nile Valley and Sinai, in order to achieve the rehabilitation of the Egyptian Peninsular.

These moves are seen as essential to Egypt's long-term growth. They represent a firm step in the right direction, a move towards achieving a progressive growth pattern stemming from Egypt's own efforts as well as from the introduction of foreign investment encouraged by the 'open-door' policy.

New projects under way

Industry is the strong backbone supporting the national economy. It is the sector most capable of meeting the greatest aspirations for social and economic development.

Among the new industrial projects initiated recently, one of the largest is the aluminium complex at Nag Hammady. It began operating in April 1977, producing 100,000 tons per annum.

Similarly, as part of the integrated plan for economic and social development, a substantial investment is being made to extend the scope of Egypt's iron and steel industry. It is estimated that the total production of the iron and steel consortia will reach 1,558 million tons when current developments are completed.

Other projects in hand include the exploitation of the Baharia oasis and the expansion of the country's lime-stone quarries and dolomite industry.

to practice organised agriculture. Through the ages this expertise and knowledge has been developed, nurtured as it is by the natural gifts of an equable climate and the life-

Now Egypt is transforming barren desert into productive farmland. The rock-strewn, dry, sandy areas of the Western desert, once fertile and productive, are again becoming lush, green fields. The desert is being given new life. Numerous reclamation projects are in hand to prepare the neglected land for

The most exciting of these projects is at Tahrir Province where water was discovered 150 feet beneath the Sahara. Between 1960 and 1969 alone, nearly one-anda-half million acres of land were reclaimed. Families and experienced farmers, backed by modern machinery and scientific expertise. moved into the area, and now raise wheat, beans, sugar cane, lettuce, strawberries, citrus fruits, radishes, squash, beets, corn, barley, artichokes and

other crops. Again in the Western desert, 100 miles from Luxor and the Valley of the Kings, another reclamation project is taking place. A region that has seen rain only once in 100 years is being converted from an infertile crescent of unproductive wasteland into a foodgrowing area of several millions of acres. This 'New Valley,' which runs parallel to the Nile, was one of the most fertile areas of the world during the time of the Pharaohs. It was once inhabited by 8,000,000 people.

Extremely rich in natural fertilizers, the soil in this reclaimed area now produces crops of rice, corn, barley and alfalfa. Co-operative farming, cattle and fish breeding programmes complement plans to develop industries in an 8,000,000 acre area rich in proven reserves of gold, iron, phosphates and coal.

A reflection of history

When, in 1922, Lord Carnarvon asked Howard Carter what it was he could see as he peered into Tutankhamun's tomb, Carter replied; 'Wonderful things. I can see wonderful things.'

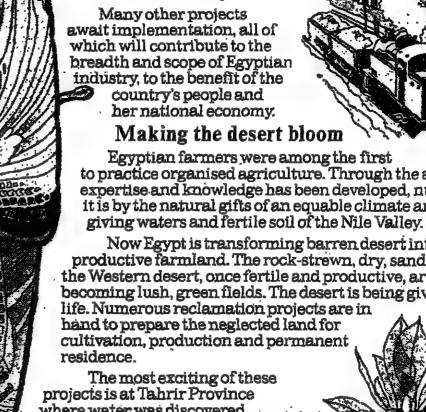
Today, fifty-five years after their discovery and thousands of years since they were made, the 'wonderful things' from the boy King's tomb are still a fascination to the world. Their brilliantly executed craftsmanship and design alone belie their age, giving evidence of Egypt's majestic achievements as a nation in the forefront of almost every aspect of cultural, political and economic thought.

And, as the patterns of world trade change, as the features of the earth's face alter with each passing generation, the treasures of Tutankhamun and Rameses II remain immutable as 'ancient ambassadors' for a country which, with its forward-looking outlook and strong sense of purpose, is committed to a programme of growth and development the Pharaohs would be proud of.



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by Andrew Lycett

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Births of a nation defy easy answers

Professor Alex Moeller, President Sadar's special economic manus adviser, is the latest person to draw attention to Egypt's need for a positive gamily planning policy.

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cope with a wide range of problems caused by explosive or merely a large market, population growth, it is difficult to see how any of Egypt's careful plans for economic development can be successful.

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First returns from the bleek picture of an Egypt's family planning that Egypt's family planning a bleek picture of an Egypt's tareful population of 38,200,000 growing at a rate of 2.4 per cent. or more than a million a year. At this rate of incustralization and educations, with the same time education, or more than a million a year. At this rate of incustralization and education, as in Western countries, or whether economic development of farreaching population countries as the farreaching population of farreaching population countries of farreaching population countries of farreaching population countries of farreaching population of farreaching population of farreaching population of farreaching population countries to motivate were occurrent to give follow

youthful population (31.6 per cent were under the age of 12 in 1976) will reap the benefits. Indeed they are

Cairo's. hotel developments include an 842-room Intercontinental Hotel on Intercontinental Hotel on the site of the famous Semi-ramis Hotel on the Mile, a 2,200-bed hotel, Marriott Palace, on the fashionable Zamalek island and Salam Hotel, described as a Salam Hotel, described as and comprehensive leisure facility in the Middle East of the new valley where a milition people will eventually be resertied.

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Emigration to Arab countries will also help to take up the excess population. But there is nothing to compare with an aggressively executed family planning programme investment the plans. gramme integrating the plans of various ministries to dead

tion.

It is just possible that such a policy is beginning to smerge, but it still needs more positive commitment from the highest authorities.

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Tourism a casualty of war

by Atef Sultan

Egypt's inability to attract mass tourism is not only West European capitals.

The serious lack of the serious lack of First-class chain hotels Pacific Properties and the adequate facilities but also now charge up to £E35 a Egyptian General Company to three decades of Middle night a person while less for Tourism, will have 10,000 East political instability luxurious ones still charge beds, 5,800 villas, 5,100 and wars that have spoilt the up to £E20. A bottle of prospect for what should whisky fetches £E30 while a blocks of flats, parks, artificial lakes, golf courses and all lakes a

The 1967 Arab-Israeli war, for example, had reduced the number of rourists visiting Egypt by 40 per cent to only 345,000 in that year and by another 7 per cent cairo. The pressure on hotel in the following year. It was only eight years after the war that even the 1966 ing a room in one of the modest figure was recovered and the number of take up to three months. Even then you may arrive appreciable increases. But this is not all. The number of tourist nights spent in Egypt in 1976 was still 65,000 short of the early 1960s' average.

opened once again to foreign logical centre.

But Egyptian tourist experts, who now estimate that the country is not likely to attract more than 1,700,000 visitors by 1980, are questioning the economic viability of such vast and expensive projects. They are worried there may this is not all. The number of tourist nights spent in Egypt in 1976 was still have increased the number of hotel rooms from 21,000 such luxury developments. for example, had reduced the number of rourists visit-1960s' average.

The devastation of the Lebanese tourist industry, a major Arab favourite before the civil war, has opened up new markets in Egypt. Visitors from rich Arab states have increased steadily and with Egypt's new open door policy, the influx could grow faster. Arab visitors increased by 22 per cent to \$34,531 in 176, from the previous year Bur what is more vious year. But what is more important is that Arab visitors tend to stay longer than Europeans or Americans.
Although they account for 45
per cent of all visitors, the
Arabs' share of nights spent
in Egypt is more than 60

But Egypt's tourist market is prone not only to serious changes in the Middle East political (and military) change but also to Egypt's relations with other Arab states. The two biggest sources of tourists have re-cently been Saudi Arabia and Libya, followed by the United States which is now taking a rapidly increasing share.

Although Libyan visitors to about 55,000 and to boost were outnumbered by tourist revenue to EE500m a cater for these masses were needed.

Despite Egypt's unrivalled opportunities, its tourist resources are still largely untapped. In recent years, the country has taken a meagre 0.25 per cent of the world's incomist traffic and less than tourist spend from the figure for single traffic and less than the figure for the development in the figure for saing, fewer Libyan visitors remis Hotel on the Mile, a 2,200-bed hotel, Marriott of the world's incomist traffic and less than tourist nights spend in Egypt's anisons was up by 1977 visitors totalled 281,233, nearly 25 per cent but totaled only slightly less than one million. Visitors than one million. Visitors than one million. Visitors than one million. Visitors were spend for the first five months of EE176m (E145cm at the tourist new forms of the first five months of the first spend in 1976, it is in tourist offices abroad spent 6,796,080 nights and brought in an income of EE176m (E145cm at the tourist world's cheapest country in the Mildel East in the first five months of the section of the \$4,000m as it was then described by Pyramids Plateau complex the surfaction of the \$4,000m as the section of the sections of more expensive west Buropean capitals.

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Now Egypt has been for a museum and archaeo-opened once again to foreign logical centre.

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Significant change in cargoes along the canal

by Denis Taylor

ney to Jerusalem last month. The greenery of Ismailia is sharp contrast to the bleak, treeless wastes of Sinni, a giant's hop, skip and jump across the 173km water

in the undertaking. Not only has the Japanese ompany, Penta Ocean, con-inacted to dredge large sec-tions of the southern and middle sections of the Suez Canal, but the Tokyo Gov-erument has provided a loan of 5140m. A loan of £83m is expected to be signed this month with the Japanese Authority for Cooperation

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southern section while his comparitors were doing the work on the softer stretch towards Port Said and also onshore

been in cargoes other than oil. Out of a daily traffic of about 600,000 net tons, 400,000 were now in non-oil shipments. The international supments. The international waterway had been reopened when the outlook for the world demand for oil, after the quadrupling of prices by the Opec countries and the spread of recession, was hardly at its most buoyant.

Apthority for Cooperation and Development.

The cost of the first stage so of development, due to be completed in 1980, is estimated at \$1,200m, of which more than \$600m would be in foreign currency.

The World Bank, the first way the end of the canal was inadequate for the new generation of tankers. Those of up to 250,000 tons are and those up to 100,000 tons when partially loaded, but when partially loaded, but second biggest participant, restricted to those between \$100m. Other sources of linance include the Saudi, proved tanker traffic as a following time to the canal was in favour and those up to 100,000 tons when partially loaded, but was in favour with northbound and cultimating in a dual water-way with northbound convoys using different channels.

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The second stage is expected to take about three years and to cost \$800m. Dredging will allow the authority to handle 260,000 ton tankers transiting fully loaded, 300,000 tons partially loaded and 500,000 tons or over in ballast. The aim is finally to double the capacity of the Suez Canal by having a two-way system in operation by the end of the century.

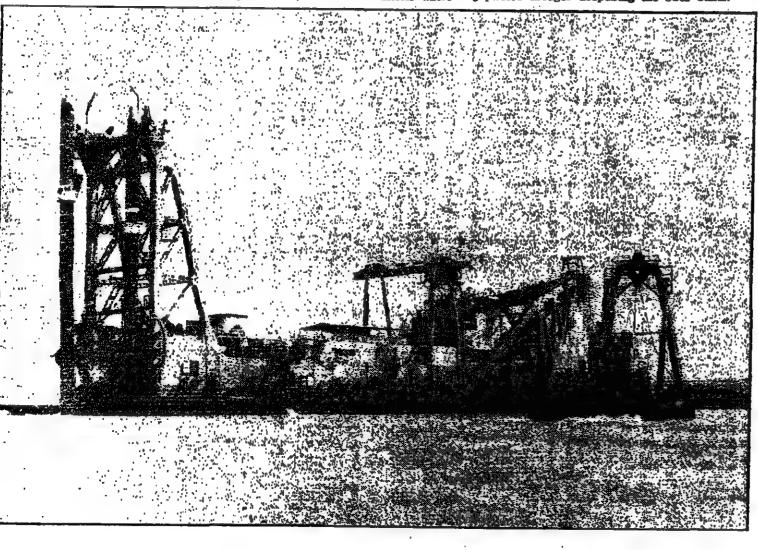
The American Government growing at a much greater investigations are carried again whatever might has offered \$50m worth of rate. He defined the strategy out into such questions as happen" equipment and spare parts, as "to achieve the maximum permissible speeds for tran. That is a sweeping assurwhatever might

A Japanese dredger is working in the Suez Canal yards from the relics of the Bar Lev Line, the reputedly impregnable Israeli defence system through which the Egyptian army broke during the Yon Kippur war in October 1973.

President Sadar's Ismailia residence is on the opposite bank. It was from the companies were working on the southern section while his southern section where the maximum permissible speeds for transition of the enlarged watersay, s



Fishermen in Suez. Right: panorama of Cairo, whose population is now greater than that of London. Below:





Slow start to industrial development

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by Alan Mackie

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oil production

Target set to triple

tors to recover costs from any commercial discovery day to nearer the peak of day to nearer the peak of several hundred thousand barrels a day which it attained a few years ago.

Close to El Morgan is the Ramadan field which is now producing about 36,000 bpd. In the same vicinity but licensing, exploration acti-

Egypt's oil industry has dicensing, exploration action the same vicinity but Oil is coming the from the made great advances over vity has increased significantly of the grit is the July field, Petroleum has found and the past 18 months. The carity. In 1976, operators now producing 54,000 bpd developed a field under the from eight wells. provided a welcome increase tion wells and another 16 on land. By the end of this year the number of we drilled should exceed 40.

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Public borrowing shortfall points to large Treasury overestimate

By David Blake Sconomics Cocrespondent

Torsi quitic borrowing was aly 1967m in the third quarter only 1967on in the third quarter of 1977, suggesting that the outment for the current financial
year could be well below the
lasest official published forecast for the Public Sector Borlowing Requirement of 17,500m.
The most probable figure
would seem to be much hearer
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would seem to be much nearer to the secret estimate of 16,800m made within the Treasury, but a shortfall of up to £1,000m from the published estimate seems likely, and it could be even larger.

The £970m PSBR in the third quarter of the calendar year, which is not seasonally stilusted, is reduced to £904m for the second quarter of the financial year if a seasoned adjustment correction is applied it compares with a seasonally institute the contraction is applied in compares with a seasonally adjusted figure of £1,550m in the first quarter of fiscal 1977-78, which began in April.

For the first balf of the financial year, that gives a total figure of £2,455m. So if the second half of the financial year were like the first half, intal PSBR would be £4,910m. A number of special factors which do not get reflected in the seasonal adjustment mean that the outpur will be considerably higher than that. Tax out announced in October will not the Government an extra £1,000m, there will be a £600m increase in social seturity payments to be financed in the Newton first the Contraction of the financed in the Newton of the financed in the financ

ments to be financed in the November figures, and there will be a loss of £150m on petrol revenue.
After all these factors have seen taken into account, howyes, taken into account, how-wer, the Treasury forecasts on which the Chancellor acted broughout this year and which were used at the end of 1976 a discussing cuts with the international Monetary Fund are clearly shown to have been

ddiv inaccurate. Even if the current published arecast of £7,500m proves to be ight, the forecast made in lecember 1976 would have been 3,400m too high. The near certainty that the actual figure for he PSBR during this financial

Bank figures ease money supply fears

y Ropald Pullen enking Coorrespondent Worries about the growth of le money supply after sharp teg in the previous two toths are likely to ease after. A latest returns from the mking sector for the month

enking sector for the month mid-November. Figures published today by the Bank of England and the learing banks show that in the pur weeks to November 16 ligible liabilities rose by 495m, or 11 per cent, to 40,207m. This was only just ver half the 2.3 per cent in-rease recorded in the October

taking month. While eligible liabilities are ot a completely reliable guide o sterling M3, the broad-based elimition of money supply, it is kely that the M3 rise in lovember will be under 1 per

are of increase since April unning at 144 per cent, it stills ppears the Government accepts hat it will take something arriy dramatic to bring the rise within the 9-13 per cent ceiling The November figures also

ake in around two weeks of leavy foreign currency inflows efore sterling was allowed to loar at the end of last month. Latest figures on advances and deposits from the clearers inderline that the £627m acrease in bank lending in the ctober month was a freak igure, reflecting in large beasure, it is thought, borrow-

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year will be substantially less than officially stated suggests that the error will have been

over £4,000m.

Forecasting the PSBR is a notoriously difficult exercise, which is one reason why many economists are sceptical about giving a public borrowing target any great importance in economic management.

There are however, specific criticisms which are sometimes made of the Treasury forecasting method which suggest that it is too complex to be reliable.

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Letest indications suggest that

total public borrowing this fiscal year will be about £2,000m less than in the fiscal year to last April, when it totalled £8,783m. This was in turn roughly £1,800m below that in the fiscal year to April 1976.

The tightening of the Government's fiscal stance would be

seed by most economists as having contributed greatly to the severity of the recession.
It is not clear, however, to what extent government tighten-ing of its fiscal stance was caused by incorrect forecasts and to what extent the forecasts of public borrowing have been irrelevant.

PUBLIC SECTOR BORROWING REQUIREMENT The following are figures released yesterday by the GSO for the Government borrowing requirement:

1975-77 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 1977-78 Q1

BANK FIGURES The following are the figures for eligible Habilities and reserve assets ratios of United Kingdom

Banks released by the Bank of

England today:

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1976			
Nov :	37,260	25.8	13.9
Dec .	36.879	12.8	13.8
1977			*
Jen	36,147	— 5.1	114.4
Feb	34.834	-23.7	13.8
March	34 977	-19.1	13.9
April	35.843	- 3.3	14.2
May	35.824	+11.9	14.0
June	35.279	+15.7	14.0
July	37.094	+14.8	14.0
Aug	37.593	+22.5	14.5
Sept	38,806	+30.8	14.5
Oct	39.712	+31.4	14.5
Nov	40 207	131.7 120.8	15.1

ing to finance purchases o certificates of tax deposit. Sterling advances by the London clearers rose by only 55m to £16,734m, although the seasonal adjustment leaves the increase at around £200m, much the same as the previous month. Sterling deposits of United Kingdom residents rose rather less than expected at

£64m to £25,274m. Meanwhile, the Government Broker took advantage of the improved indications for the money supply, reactivating the Treasury 10 per cent 1982 long "tap" by lowering the price at which he would sell stock by about 51 points. Dealers estumated sales at

£100-£150m. Gilt prices, noticeably at the long end, responded favourably with rises of up to of a point Financial Editor, page 31



Sir Charles, the takeover pioneer, calls it a day

By Ray Maughan . Sir Charles Clore who is to Sir Charles Clore who is to resign as chairman of Sears Holdings at the end of the year will be replaced by his deputy, Mr Leonard Sainer, aged 68, while Mr Geoffrey Maitland Smith, an executive director for six years, will become chief executive and deputy chairman at the age of 45.

The board has invited Sir Charles, who is 73, to become life president of the company and he will remain a director with special responsibility for Sears' overseas activities and dayselonment.

Resignation has been in Sir Charles's mind for some time and he told his boardroom col-leagues of his decision just

leagues of his decision just over a week ago.

His philanthropy is well known—it is estimated that he has been giving at least £500,000 annually to good causes for more then 15 years—and brought him a knighthood in 1971. But while he has been a

generous benefactor to a wide range of cultural and social causes, an active and trailblazing investment track record must rank as his principal claim to recognition.
At the age of 22 he purchased

the skating rink in Cricklewood he had used as a child and three years later he was in a position to buy the Prince of Wales Theatre. He bought out the Richards

Shops chain of women's wear stores just as the Second World War started, and his lessing love for property and industry—particularly textiles—was particularly textiles—was aready clearly established.

But it was not until 1953 that he really attracted the City's attention. At the beginning of that year, his Investment Registry finance group acquired control of the quoted Sears & Co (True-Form Boot Company) and any claim he Sears & Co (True-Porm Boot Company) and any claim he may have had to be the pioneer of the takeover", as he was dubbed later, was enhanced by the fact that he paid about £3.4m for 75 per cent of a company with properties worth £8.5m.

Other notable takeovers included Manfield & Sons and Doicis in 1956, Mappin & Webb and Garrard in the following

and Garrard in the following year, Lewis's Investment Trust (Selfridges and Lewis's group) in 1965 and the William Hill Organization in 1971.

Property was always the folcrum of his burgeoning empire and the 1960 merger of Sir Charles's 'City & Central Investment with Mr Jack Cotton's City Centre Properties formed a 165m group, in which Sir Charles's slice of the combined business was work 51m. Sir Charles's slice of the com-bined business was worth flom. His business life was not entirely without its setbacks, however. He failed where Mr Maxwell Joseph later suc-ceeded with a bid for the Watneys brewing group and a combination of Sir Charles, Mr Cotton and Mr Bernard Delfone Cotton and Mr Bernard Delfont was outfought by Mr Prince Littler's Stoll Theatres group in the battle for Moss Empires. Sir Charles said recently that "I enjoyed most of the earlier years of challenge but I would not turn back the pages unless I could start again with the benefit of all that I have

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Bonn intervention arrests dollar slide

West Germany's government tried this evening to "talk up" the dollar after it had dropped by more than three plennings in nervous and at times hectic currency dealings to a new record low on the Frankfurt foreign exchange market. Dr Hans Apel, the West German finance minister, said that the movement of the

dollar exchange rate against the mark was not justified by objective economic facts. Instead, he said that the dollar's sharp fall was the result of a speculative capital movement of the sort that the participants at the first economic summit in Rambouilet two years ago, had diagnosed as

let two years ago, and diagnosed as "erratic".

Dr Apel said the Bonn government welcomed the efforts of the Federal Bank in Frankfurt to even out this movement through intervention on the foreign exchange market, and was grateful for the cooperation between the Federal Bank and other central banks, including the American Federal Reserve System.

In Brussels yesterday Chancellor Helmut Schmidt also spoke in support of the American currency.

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Earlier in the day the dollar had slumped to a record trading low of around DM2.1550 before being fixed at midday at DM2.1583, to show a loss of more than three pfennigs from yesterday's fixing level of DM2.1910. Dealers attributed the sudden bout of weakness to the news of the coal miners' strike in the United Sparse.

States.
Although the German Federal Bank did not buy dollars at today's fixing, it did intervene. Dealers thought it could have

bought around \$150m during the day com-pared with an estimated \$300m on Monday, when the United States currency first penetrated the DM2.20 barrier. Its efforts were partly rewarded. The intervention, and Dr Apel's statements lifted the American currency to DM2.1860-70, although it slipped back somewhat in late

dealings.

The rise in the value of the mark against the dollar has also created problems for the European currency snake. At the Frankfurt fixing the Federal Bank was obliged to buy 12.3m Danish crowns at the lower intervention point of DM36.03 to 100 crowns. The Belgian franc was also quoted at its lower intervention point.

Dr Apel underlined in his statement that Bonn was determined to maintain the lutegrity of the "snake". He said the European currency float was a factor for economic and political stability of importance to others besides those directly participating in the economic

icipating in the scheme.

But it is the decline of the dollar that is causing the West German government its biggest headache. Dr Apel pointed out that over the past two years the mark has appreciated by about 20 per cem compared with the dollar.
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This rise was far more than is justified by the difference in price and cost trends in the United States and Germany.

The dollar also declined today to new lows against the Swiss franc. Last night, the course of a speech in Berne, Dr Fritz Leutwiler, president of the Swiss National Bank, was unusually critical of the American attitude over the dollar's decline. He said that Switzerland. West

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active intervention policy to support the dollar in agreement with the "hard cur-

caroline Atkinson writes: Sterling opened strongly in common with the other European currencies and climbed to \$1.8425 against the dollar at one point. The effective rate index, measured against a busket of currencies, was also up at 63.7 in the morning, compared to 63.5 at Monday's

But the pound then dropped sharply as the dollar recovered. The speeches in its support by Dr Apel and Chancellor Schmidt helped to bolster the dollar as did

Schmidt helped to bolster the dollar as did the considerable central bank dollar purchases in Germany, Switzerland and also, it is thought, in Britain.

Reports that United Kingdom officials have told the International Monetary Fund that Britain will not be able to keep the growth of the money supply to within this year's 13 per cent target weakened sterling and it loss more than 2 centre to sterling, and it lost more than 2 cents to close at \$1.822.

An estimated \$500m was bought in official intervention in Europe to prop up the dollar. Nevertheless its effective devaluation since the Smithsonian agreement widened from -3.05 to -3.32

yesterday.
Wall Street yesterday suffered its biggest decline since July, when the Dow Jones industrial average fell 14.12 points to 806.91. One factor was the dollar's fall in foreign exchange market. Also blamed were the prolonged uncertainty over Washington policy on energy, the miners' strike, and reservations on steel pricing.

Details of

Polish ships

The Government may make a statement on the details contained in the controversial 5115m shipbuilding deal with

Ministers are under growing pressure to disclose the terms

and cost to the taxpayer, but until yesterday had refused to

provide any detailed informa-tion on the grounds that it was commercially confidential.

But with Opposition leaders urging investigations by one of

Parliament's select committees, Mr Foot, Leader of the Com-

mons, gave the first hint that ministers were considering a

formal statement. Answering a question yesterday, Mr Foot sald that he would look into the question of when a statement should be made on the

financial arrangements.

Later Mr Michael Grylls, MP,

emergency inquiry into the deal, said it was vital that tax-

payers be aware of the details. Sooner or later they would have to be explained, and the

sooner the better.
Tomorrow officials from
British Shipbuilders are expacted to leave for further talks

pected to leave for further talks in Poland on allocation of the 24-vessel order which has run into difficulties because of the continuing industrial dispute at Swan Hunter's yards on the Tyne. This has prevented seven 16,500-ton deadweight bulk carriers being placed with the

company.

Three have already been reallocated, bur officials are hopeful that outfitting workers on
Tyneside will call off their over-

time ban to enable the remaining four to be confirmed with the yard.

deal likely

Poland.

A scholarly look at the brain

It is part of the conventional wisdom of City wine bars and management conferences that the British manager is underpaid, overtaxed and, consequently, poorly motivated and demoralized. Offered a job in the United States, he would be only too keen to join the brain drain, thus further depleting Britain's stock of able people and contributing to the country's relatively weak indus-

trial performance.

But is this myth or reality?

The hard facts are scarcer than might be presumed from the confidence with which views are expressed. Past studies have not been entirely unambistudy of this is why the new study of this subject, announced vesterday by Mr Dick Taverne, Director of the Institute of Fiscal Studies and former MP, could prove to be of some importance.

importance.

The inquiry is to be carried out by Professor Brian Reddaway, of Clare College, Cambridge, and two other economists. The inquiry is to be conducted under the supervision of a four-man steering committee, of which Professor Reddaway will be a member.

This steering committee will be headed by Mr Michael Edwardes, the former chief executive of the Chloride Group

who recently took over the chairmanship of British Leyland.

Mr Edwardes, who is also vice-chairman of the British Institute of Management, has expressed himself forcefully in the past about the level of taxation on top salaries. However, there is an insistence ever, there is an insistence among all concerned that the study is being undertaken in a true spirit of impartiality and scholarly independence.

The other members of the

steering committee are Mr Aubrey Silberston, Dean of Nuffield College, Oxford, and a former member of the Monoa former member of the Monopoles Commission, and Mr Alan Lord, formerly Second Permanent Secretary at the Treasury and now Director of Planning at Duniop.

Outlining the objectives of the study yesterday, Mr Taverne said that it would not be primarily concerned with psychological research into motivation. What they wanted to explore were the effects, if

vice chairman of the Conserva-tive Industry Committee, who has unsuccessfully sought an and high taxes may have on the performance of companies performance of companies

Nothing should be taken for
granted in this area, as Professor Reddaway pointed out. It
may be that the emigration of
senior managers is a wholly
healthy movement, providing
scope for talented people to be
promoted from lower down.

It is not the first sime that

It is not the first time that Professor Reddaway has probed such politically sensitive issues It was a team led by him which in 1973—after four years of study—produced a report that broadly came out in support of the much-maligned Selective employment tax. Earlier, he had carried out a study for the had carried out a study for the CBI into oversess investment. This new inquiry is likely to take about 18 months.

Melvyn Westlake

Protectionist tariffs ruled out in US prices scheme for steel

Washington, Dec 6 The White House released its steel industry assistance programme today. The programme drew a cool reaction from American steel manufacturers and some strong pro-tests by Congressmen from steel producing areas. It in-volves little direct financial volves little direct financial assistance to ailing steel companies and its centre piece, a "reference price system" for imports, is unlikely to have a major effect on European steel exporters to this country. The Administration has flatly rejected pleas by the industry to impose protections with

to impose protectionist tariffs and quotes, instead, it has introduced a system that will allow imports to be priced here at or above the level of the world's most..efficient producers, the

manufacturing cost prices so announced this month with the long as their United States steel industry to be given 30 selling prices are at or above the "reference price" that will before their implementation. based upon Japanese pro-

The White House stated that its primary objective "is to assist the steel industry in a manner which will stimulate efficiency and enable the industry to compete fair. A stronger competitive position is essential if the United States steel industry is to meintain its markets."

Mr Asthony Solomon, the Under-Secretary of the Treasury, who headed a special Administration steel industry task force, said today that he expects the "reference price" system to be in operation within about 50 days.

Some companies and Congressmen have charged that the British Steel Corporation has been selling steel here at prices even below those of the highly efficient Japanese steel manufacturers. If this is the case,
then almost certainly the
corporation will have to raise
its selling prices under the
newly proposed system.
By and large, however, the
new system is likely to have
its greatest effect on Japanese
exporters who have been selling their products at below
cost price.

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The extent to which foreign

duced a system that will allow imports to be priced here at or about 60 days.

Discussions would start with a steel here is not known and Mr Soloma said he hopes the steel producers, the a team of Japanese officials there to morrow on determining draw their anti-dumping the "reference prices" for petitions, totalling about 19, assorted steel products and once they see that the which foreign manufactures have been dumping steel here is not known and Mr Soloma said he hopes the steel companies will with the steel companies will with the steel companies about 19, assorted steel products and once they see that to which foreign manufactures have been dumping steel here is not known and Mr Soloma said he hopes the steel companies will with the steel companies will with the steel companies will with the steel here is not known and Mr Soloma said he hopes the steel be system is working well.

Little for Europe in Tokyo trade plans

Tokyo. Dec 6

After a heated debate today the Japanese Cabinet endorsed an eight-point economic programme which, according to the Government's claims, will reduce Japan's huge trade surplus with the United States and other leading trading parmers. DEFEDERS.

By Andrew Goodrick-Clarke

Compensation which General Electric Company will receive from the Government for the nationalization of its share of British Aircraft Corporation may be repaid to shareholders.

Sir Kenneth Bond, deputy managing director of the group,

said yesterday that the company was considering whether it should pass the compensation cash (which GEC claims should

be at least £100m) to GEC

shareholders using the same

mechanism as it used earlier this year of issuing floating rate

GEC and Vickers, which each owned 50 per cent of BAC, say they have been advised that at least £200m is fair compensation for the nationalization of

the airframe company which is now part of British Aerospace. In its interim statement yesterday GEC said that no estimate of income had been

included for the interest pay-

able from the date of nation-

alization on the compensation

The Government has agreed now to a first unquantified pay-

stock when it is issued.

Financial Editor

capital notes.

However, the skimpy details of the plan would seem to indicate that apart from promised tariff reductions on cars and liquor imports, Europe has little to gain from the concessions

that the plan was unlikely to satisfy President Carter's Administration or reduce Japan's surplus by a substan-tiel margin.

GEC holders may be paid

cash for aerospace stake

too late", one Western diplo-mat said. "However we will have to examine the final details in Washington."

"At first glance it would seem to be a case of too little

Drawn up with the basic objective of placating objective of placating America's protectionist lobby, the programme calls for advanced tariff cuts, expanded

out of compensation cash to companies whose airframe and shipbuilding assets were nationalized in January. The remainder is still subject to negotiation.

Kenneth Owen, Technology Cor-respondent, writes: GEC also

announced yesterday a strengthening of its activities in the

ening of its activities in the United States. Mr Geoffrey Cross, the former managing director of International Computers, is to head a new California-based GEC company to pursue new business by acquisitions and joint ventures; and Mr Rouald Grierson, a GEC director, is also to be chairman of GEC Inc, the holding subsidiary in the United States

diary in the United States. Mr Cross's company, which has not yet been named, will be

based in San Diego. From this

base, sited near some of the

world's fastest expanding high-technology industries, the com-pany said in a statement yes-terday: "GEC expects to

acquire the capacity to take opportunities for new initiatives

by way of both acquisitions and

joint ventures". Financial Editor and Business

the North American markets

non-tariff barriers, improved import financing, facilities, the stock-piling of raw materials, and expansion of Japan's economic and the orderly marketing of exports.

The Government refused to disclose details of the final draft of the much younted plan today, but influential plan today, our institutional Japanese newspapers chaim that the Cabinet is offering the United States tariff cuts on some 90 caregories of imports, including cars, colour film, computers, processed food, whisky, brandy, wine and other manufactured goods.

Offices to be let in the City of London

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EMI shares slide 30p

By Nicholas Hirst Shares in EMI were the worst performers in the stock market yesterday, failing 30p to 188p after Sir John Read, the chair-

man, told the annual meeting of shareholders of the problems feeing its electronic body scanner in the United States. The market for the scanners was running at only half the level of last year as a result of measures taken by the American medical authorities to liure expenditure.

As a result the order intake was insufficient to earn sacis-factory profits, and Sir John said that for the group as a whole profits were running well down on the same period last

Capital Industries-EMI, the group's musical business in the United States, had made less in the first quarter than in the corresponding period last year, Sir John said, while the 60 per cent-owned company in Austradifficult conditions. It was unlikely that the fall in profit in the second half of last year would be reversed.

"The effect of these changes

on the group's profits for the current year is bound to be significant," Sir John said. "In spice of higher turnover, profits were running well below the level of last year. "We see some of these adverse trends contiming into 1978." he said. Financial Editor, page 31

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Christmas spending spree makes slow start

By Patricia Tisdall All sections of the retail trade report a bad start to Christmas. The seasonable lift which many non-food retailers rely on for up to 60 per cent of ized nearly a month later than

With only 16 more trading days to go, retailers say that not only has it been late, but pre-Christmas spending also been disappointingly low to be below last year and turnover figures down, taking account of inflation.

Currys, the electrical goods chain, its one of a number of groups which admitted yester-day that its volume sales are

below target.

The latest figures published by the John Lewis Parmership, which are used as a reliable barometer by the rest of the retail trade, show that the turnover increase of 12.8 per cent on the same week last year is below the forecast 13.3 per cent

rise. Mr Michael Sherlock, sales director of Woolworth, reported that while Christmas goods used to start moving in Octo-ber, this year it had all been left to the last four weeks. The trigger appears to be

started appearing in weekly wage packets a fortnight ago. It seems that this is being spent on lower-priced items such as toys and decorations rather than being used towards the price of a major household pur-

Toys were reported by both the Argos group of catalogue showrooms and Woolworth as among the best selling items. However, the demand is unlikely to benefit the manufacturers since the trade, according to one source, is only st beginning to clear phenomenal over-stocking

from last year.

Very little movement is seen in higher priced electrical goods. What demand there is, is for cheaper gift lines such as hairdryers and radios.

Credit purchase sectorally

Leisure and General Holdings, announced yesterday that it has expanded abroad for the first time its holday camp activities. A French-based sub-Credit purchases generally appear to be holding up better than cash transactions. Barclay-card, which dropped its interest rates last month, said the signs were of a subsequent upswing the users on the property of the said satiller. n usage, on top of gains earlier the year. Mail order houses are likely

or caravans, are sold inclusive of cross-Channel ferry bookings, if required. They will be pro-moted on the Continent as well as in the United Kingdom. to be biggest losers from the late start because of dispatch delays. Some are believed to have already re-released quotas of unsold seasonal merchandise back into the wholesale pipe-

plasterboard line.

But Mr Harold Bowman, a director of Great Universal Stores, one of the largest mail in the Onted was was investigated by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission in 1974, is to allow more major users to buy plasterboard direct order organizations, said yester order organizations, said yester-day that the company's pre-Christmas sales figures were entirely satisfactory". Trade remained up in volume and value on last year. Adding to the general retail difficulties this year has been an apparent reduction in spend-b overseas violence. on the same terms as those charged to builders' merchants.

Coal Board and miners at odds on proposals for worker participation

MINE TIMES CATEDON V. DECEMBER 3. 1977

Management's role in coalmining divided a National Union of Mineworkers conference on industrial democracy in Harrogate yesterday. Pit delegates sharply criticized the running of the industry, but the National Coal Board insisted that the functions and responsibilities of management

Mr Cliff Shephard, the board's member for industrial relations, told the conference that union-coal board proposals for collery policy committees would involve some genuine joint decision-making. He went on to say: "We do not believe that any complex industrial activity-perhaps least of all a collery—can in its day-to-day operations be managed by a

committee.
"The functions and responsibilities of day-to-day manage-

Dunlop and

Pirelli SpA sign

tyre production equipment for two Soviet factories, a contract estimated at \$45m (about £25m).

The companies are also discuss

ing plans for a steel cord plant.
-Reuter.

Ladbroke move

on camp holidays

Ladbroke, the holiday and bookmaking concern in the throes of a takeover bid for

sidiary, Ladbroke Travel, is to market seven seaside camping sites in Brittany and Vendee

next year. The holidays, in luxury tents

BPD Lodustries, whose mono-

poly of plasterboard production in the United Kingdom was

This follows an undertaking

BPD frees sales of

Moscow pact

ment—including the onerous statutory responsibilities in our industry-are absolute."

In all the joint discussions that had taken place on industrial democracy, that had never been in question, he claimed. In the coal board's first serious presentation of the case for collery policy committees Mr. Shephard said they would contribute to a production capacity

and markets for coal. They would operate "by consensus, and not on the use of weight of representation and the power of the vote"—a clear reference to the NUM's desire to have a numerical majority on the new participation bodies. Coalfield delegates like Mr

David Bolton, vice-president of the militant Scottish miners, found fault with this formula and criticized management for offering only a show of consul-tation under present arrange-

ticipation.

His point was taken up by others who castigated the NCB plan as no more than the intro-duction of production committees designed to increase output rather than democracy. Others feared a vero by the British Association of Colliery Management, who would not give up their powers to manage.

Mr David Lea, assistant general secretary of the TUC and a member of the Bullock inquiry that recommended extension of trade union power into the boardroom, said:
"Management's role has to change. Obviously if management's job is absolutely unchanged, then everything is unchanged as well."

The conference continues today with an address by Mr Benn, Secretary of State for

Panel draws picture of US economy, 1978

Moscow, Dec 6.—Dunlop Holdings and Pirelli SpA have signed two new technological

Washington, Dec 6 cooperation agreements with America's rate of real growth Soviet Union, Mr Dzermen in the gross national product during 1978 is expected to slow to 4.2 per cent from 4.8 per Gvishiani, state committee chairman for science and tech-The agreements provide for the exchange of knowhow in tyre production, technical rubber products and the manufacture of steel cord.

Pirelli and Dunlop are holding talks on the sale of radial tyre production equipment for cent this year.

There are forecasts of modest cuts in the inflation rate, un-employment and the growth of corporate profits; but business capital spending, industrial wage levels and new housing starts are all thought likely to

These are the conclusions of a series of new reports and forecasts issued by the Con-ference Board in New York. The board's panel of 11 nationally prominent economists predicts that the slower prowth expected in the United States will also be reflected abroad.

Its international expert, Mr Walter Hoadley, chief economist at the Bank of America, forecasts an increase in world trade in 1978 of 4 to 5 per cent, compared with a 1977 rate of to 6 per cent. A separate Conference Board

report records that capital spending by the nation's 1,000 largest manufacturing com-panies reached a record, seasonally adjusted, \$17,700m in the third quarter of this year. This is an 18 per cent gain over the second quarter. The board says data for the first nine months of this year suggest that capital spending

in 1977 will be ahead by 11 to 12 per cent. Both the board's econometric model and its survey of businesses indicate a 14 per cent rate of gain next

year.

Such an advance, while not great in real terms, is likely to ensure that capacity bottlenecks do not emerge next year, as some economists have been predicting. This conclusion seems all the more valid in view of the modest overall rate of economic growth predicted by the opard's experts

board's experts.

A main worry, however, concerns manufacturing production costs. A team of eight labour relations specialists, assembled by the Conference Board, predicts that wage and worker benefit gains next year will rise by 8.5 per cent, compared with an advance of 7.3 per cent this year. They say that a 6 per cent rate of inflation appears to be fully accepted in new wage contracts and that manufacturing labour costs next year are likely to increase by 5.8 per cent, as wage gains con-3.8 per cent, as wage gains con-

tioue to exceed productivity advances. The board's penel of 11 economists forecast a slight reduc-tion in the rate of inflation. Unemployment is seen as fall-ing to 6.7 per cent in 1978 from an average this year of 7.1 per cent, and by the end of next year the total labour force is predicted to increase by 2.9 mil-lion to 100.1 million.

Concrete price-fixing ban

The Office of Fair Trading is to apply to the Restrictive Practices Court to prevent companies which operate concrete price agreements from becoming involved in any other restrictive practice.

restrictive practice.

Mr Gordon Borrie, OFT director general, will apply for orders under section 35 of the Act. Failure to comply would on the same terms given by BPD last year to meet a recomplace a company in contempt of

It is expected that this kind some of the larger companies named in previous cases whose interests extend beyond resdymixed concrete into other areas of the building supplies sector. A list of names is being pre-pared, and the OFT hopes that s court hearing for this and the actions against all other com-panies will be fixed for sarly

Imports drop to 46.7pc share of car market

By Edward Townsend

New car sales in the United Kingdom last mouth were down almost 11 per cent on a vear earlier, and foreign manufacturers continued to capture pick up, the bank rate until nearly half the market.

According to preliminary figures issued yesterday by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, imports in November totalled 44,687, representing 46.7 per cent of total sales. This was the lowest import penetration since July, but foreign car sales remained more than double those of British Levland. double those of British Leyland.

Vehicle sales for the month at 95,699, brought the 11-month total to 1,265,641, a rise of 3.35 per cent on the same period of 1976. Import penetra-tion for the 11 months averaged 45.36 per cent against 37.54 per cent a year ago.

Leyland Cars captured only 21.7 per cent of the market in Movember with sales of 21,040 while Ford, the market leader, sold 27,310 to win 28.54 per cent. Ford was also the leading importer, bringing in 6,913 cars from its European plants.

Department of Industry figures also released yesterday show that United Kingdom car production rose by 10 per cent last month compared with October to 114,000. Taking seasonal factors into account, production was you have a production was you seasonal ractors into account, production was up by 6 per cent in the three months to the end of November compared with the previous three months.

Meriden co-op repays £1m loan from GEC

By Our Industrial Staff The £1m secured loan made by the General Electric Company to the Meriden motorcycles co-operative has now been repaid from the proceeds of sales of Triumph machines of sales of Triumph machines in the current year, the cooperative disclosed today.

It said the business was now
"firmly launched on a new
phase of development", and
expected that the plan to.
recruit additional labour,
coupled with the gradual renewal of production tooling,
would result in "an increase in
productivity and output to meet productivity and output to meet market demands and further improve product quality".

in a statement, the co-operative said that over the past 10 months it bad been " clawing its way back from the grave financial position it faced in February. Now with a healthy forward order book Meriden is looking to the future with re-newed confidence."

Mr John Rossmond, Meriden's chairman, said without GEC's vital contribution, the co-operative would not have

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A new national plan needed for industry

From Mr K. Warren

Sir, Nationally we are now enloying a mood of mild euphoria, as the British economy seems to recently fell, and mortgages come down. In all this we seem all too often to forget that our basic problems have not been tackled-British industry, considered overall, is grossly inefficient by the best standards of the world, ill-equipped, carried on in plants which are too small, and by methods of organization which have become outmoded. What is needed is a much longer term perspective both for the understanding and for the solution of the difficul-

Reconstruction on the scale now needed in British industry will be massive, long-term and also needs to be coordinated, Therefore, for instance, it is vital to pursue policies for British Railways which are in some way dovetailed with those of the NCB; BSC reconstruction must take into account long term changes planned for automobile manufacture or for shipbuilding.

We also need to question whether it is wise to adopt piecemeal solutions to problems in development areas without attempting to link the sorts of industry which are guided there, and to recognize that the south-east and the Midlands cannot be regarded as inexindustrial cornuhaustible copias. In the course of rationalization, short-term local and sectional interests will be hurt, but the most fundamental esson of the past has been that if one remains preoccupied with avolding problems in the short term, long term improvements in international competitiveness never come. Management and never come. Management and men would have to be retrained and mobility would need to increase. Some localities would lose their long established basic sources of employment and established institutions would have to be more flexible.

The fundamental problem is a political one—are party

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governments and terms of a maximum of five years for Parliament suitable for the long term, sustained planning which can alone revivify an ailing mixed economy? This is a test for parliamentary democracy, one which it is absolutely vital for it to pass if totalizarian

planning is not to seem the only way to economic success. Removal of planning strategy to a national body, responsible to Parliament, with a long term life and special status may be essential. Whatever the form or arrangement, the vital matter is that industrial planning should be a coordinated interindustry arrangement, operating within a national spatial framework and with a long term perspective. It is, of course. necessary to get beyond generalization, both in analysis and prescription, to specific action, and for that reason I

suggest two steps. Firstly, there should be initiative on the part of poli-ticians to get an inter-party open debate and later detailed analysis of long term planning analysis of long term planning objectives underway. Secondly, we need a new national plan, covering a long period, but with staged objectives over that period. This plan should be comprehensive and involve inter-industry coordination. Unlike the ill-fated plan of a decade ago it must be spatially explicit, for it is high time that we thought in terms of regional

we thought in terms of regional economic complexes dove-tailing into a new nationally integrated

The painful adjustments will be the short term prices we pay for long term success. If we persevere we shall have proved ourselves a much more alive. responsive and responsible responsive and responsible society than our rivals and many home critics have believed. After that there will remain one even more searching challenge metals to accine more and more affluence or, in part at least, in a more responsible role in a poverty stricken world. Yours faithfully, KENNETH WARREN, University Lecturer and Fellow of Jesus College. chool of Geography

Effect of cut in tax on diesel fuel

From Mr T. J. Mathew Sir. Dr G. H. Barker (November 24) advocates the reduction of excise tax on die sel fuel by the government as a way to encourage greater utilization of this more economic and cleaner tuel.

However, he is in error in suggesting that this will benefit the British automobile manufacturers. The United Kingdom has been almost the only country over the past ly years where diesel fuel has not have substantially change. been substantially cheaper than petrol and, as a result British car makers have discustinued the manufacture of die sel automobiles.

Conminental manufacturing in countries where diesel has historically been considerably cheaper now have an established production of diesel engine automobiles and would therefore be at an enormous sales advantage if the British Government were now to change its policy.

It is worth mentioning that the recently introduced Forder Granada with diesel option is manufactured in Germany, nor Britain, and is fitted with a French Peugeot engine. T. J. MATHEW, Court House.

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UK shipbuilding future at stake

From Mr R. Woodland Sir, I wish the employees a Swan Hunter would recogni that, whatever the outcome of their overtime ban, it will not affect ultimate production of the Polish order which has been won. In this case, only Swark

Hunter will suffer.

However, what is at stake is the whole future of the British shipbuilding industry, and any one experienced in selling Brisist ish goods abroad will tell you. of the opinion overseas buyers he of the reliability of deliverses from British Industry.

Whatever the outcome of this part of the part o particular incident it can de nothing but harm to the long term future of our alread ailing shipbuilding industry. R. WOODLAND.

Releasing land for house building housebuilding programme. Even adequate land, which was also

From Mr Peter Shapcott Sir, Mr Andrew Tairs com-ments on the need to provide more land for bousing (Novem-ber 25) are a timely reminder of the very surious problem that could be developing with regard to boucing land scarcity in many parts of the country. However, he is rather cautious when he says that it is not known whether development land tax has been responsible for severe land shortages. There are cer-tainly very strong indications of this in the North. I am sure this in the North. I am sure that the disincentive of penal development land tax in pre-vanting the release of more land is being repeated through-out the length and breadth of

potentially even more serious is the reluctance of some local authorities to release adequate land to replemen land banks so as to maintain a rolling private

Earnings per share

where it is claimed that adequate land has been released, it will often be seen, on close examination, that a large proportion has been done so as a result of planning appeals over a long period of time. Some local authorities also claim as a reason for not re-

leasing a nigher rate of land that large acreages are already available. Again, close exami-nation often shows that much of this land is neither ready or suitable for housebuilding nor is it in the places where people necessarily wish to live. The resistance to an adequate

land is being repeated throughout the length and breadth of
the country.

What makes the situation
potentially even more serious
is the rejuctance of some local
suthorities to release adequate withstanding the clear require-ment under the doctrinaire Community Land Act to provide Durham City, DH1 3JY. "

underlined by the Government recent Housing Review. Nevertheless, the trends an clearly in the direction of rapidly extending owner-occupation, particularly among your persons, even in areas when rented property has been in

rented property has been maked traditional approach.

Unless a more positive an perpendicular progressive attitude is taken with land release in keeping with times, there seems bound to be a real prospect of land to scarcity in a number of ker areas. It is elementary erosid mics, too, that this land scarcity will be bound to increase by

Yours faithfully, PETER SHAPCOTT, Director,

National Federation of Buildi Trades Employers, Northern Counties Region, Green Line.

RANKS HOVIS McDOUGALL LIMITED

Preliminary Announcement of Annual Results

At a meeting of the Board of Ranks Hovis McDougall Limited held on 6 December 1977 the following preliminary details were approved for Issue.

Final Dividend on Ordinary Shares The Directors recommend the payment of a final dividend for the financial year ended 3 September 1977 on the Ordinary shares of 1.968p per share making, with the interim dividend, a total of 3.288p per share (last year - 2.94466p per share) representing, with the related tax credits, 4.982p per share for the year (last year - 4.53025p per share), the maximum allowed under

current regulations.
The final dividend will be payable on 27 January 1978 to holders of the Ordinary shares on the register on 30 December 1977.

A statement showing the profit for the financial year ended 3 September 1977 is shown opposite.

The Annual Report, incorporating the Chairmen's Review, will be circulated on 3 January 1978. Salient points are :-

(a) Results

Group profit before taxation for the 52 weeks to 3 September 1977 is £36,458,000 compared with the profit of £39,847,000 for the 53 weeks of the External sales rose in value by £186m, to

£1.107m. The reduction in profit was due mainly to the effects of continuing problems in the UK bread industry, a higher overall interest charge and to adverse results from Wessex Finance Corporation. However, increased profits from the other main trading activities made a significant contribution to

Group performance, further supplemented by

profits from the American acquisitions in August 1976 and February 1977.

Due mainly to the losses sustained by the bakery division as a result of the national bread strike in September, Group profits for the first half of the current year will be below those for the

corresponding period last year.
It is not possible at this stage to make a meaningful forecast of the results for the year as a whole but, provided the adverse conditions in the bread industry do not worsen, present expectations are that Group profits overall may be close to those for last year, due principally to a significantly increased contribution from our overseas companies and a return to profit by Wessex Finance

for pensions, but before extraordinary

items) of £15,483,000 (1976 £16,891,000) and on 272.2 million ordinary shares

(1976 271.9 million) ranking for dividend.

Consolidated profit statement for the financial year ended 3 September 1977

	£000	£0000	0003	E000	
1. Turnover				4	
Total sales	. 1	,262,000		1,054,000	
Deduct : Sales within the Group for further processing		155,000		133,000	
	. 1	.107.000		921,000	
2. Profit					
Group profit on trading before rationalisation costs					
and depreciation		63,353		62,040	
Rationalisation costs		2,213		2.128	
		61,140		59,912	
Depreciation		14.852		12,736	
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t to an and the second and		46,288		47,176	
Interest paid, less received		11,553		8,872	
		34,735		38,504	
Investment income		305		274	
Associated companies		1,418		1,069	
Group profit before taxetion.		36,458		39,847	
Taxation:					
United Kingdom corporation tax at 52%	4,993		10,202		
Deduct : Double taxation ralief	1,423		1,137		
	3.570		9.065		
Overseas taxation	4,602		3,676		
Deferred taxation	10.079		7.892		
Associated companies	929		702		
Taxation adjustments in respect of earlier years	(430)	18,750	(550)	20,785	
		17,708		19.062	
Extraordinary items less taxedon	(Dr)	(1,592)	Cr	642	
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		16,116		19,704	
. Minority interests		942		888	
Profit attributable to Ranks Hovis McDougali Limited		15,174		18,816	
				-	
3. Appropriation of profit					
Reserve for pensions		1,000		1,000	
Preference dividends		283		283	
Ordinary dividends					
Interim paid 1.320p per share (1976 1.20000p)	3,593		3,263		
Final proposed 1.968p per share (1976 1.74466p)	5,356	8,949	4,744	8,007	
3.288p (1976 2.94466p)			 ,		
3.288p (19762_94466p)					
Profit retained				-	
The company	564		4.617		
Subsidiaries	4,153		5,000		
Associated companies	225	4,942	(91)	9,526	
•		15,174		18,816	
•					
4. Earnings per Ordinary share of 25p		5.7p		6,2p	
Based on profit (after minority interests,				-	
preference dividends and transfer to reserve	•				
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The full Report and Accounts and Chairman's Statement will be available after 3 January 1978 on application to the Secretary, Ranks Hovis McDougall Limited, RHM Centre, PO Box 551, 152 Grosvenot Road, London SW1V 3.JL.

Redfearn National Glass

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT

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•	1977 £	1976 £
Sales	41,199,000	34,885,000
Profit before tax	4,585,207	3,060,458
Retained Profit	3,721,343	2,035,193
Dividend per share	10.56p	3.946p

Mr. Stanley Race, Chairman, reports:

66The net profit before tax amounted to £4,585,207, compared with £3,060,000 for the previous year.

73.20p

This profit, which is in line with our forecast in the bid rejection documents, represents an increase of 50% compared with 1976, which was itself a record year for the company. These results fully justify the confidence expressed in my statement last year.

The exceptionally high level of demand from the brewing and soft drinks industries for glass containers which began during the superb summer of 1976 continued throughout the first half of the year. However, the summer of 1977 proved to be disappointing in terms of weather and therefore in seasonal demand for glass containers.

We expect pressure of demand to return early next year, and in the meantime we shall build up our stocks to acceptable levels and also carry out planned furnace rebuilds.

Capital investment for the year totalled £6.4 million. The cost of rebuilding the green glass production unit at our Barnsley works together with expenditure on the first phase of the batch plant at that factory accounted for most of the total figure for new investment. Our furnace rebuilding programme continues at a high level and we are confident that the results will show through as they have in the past. We have now invested £11.5 million over the past three years on capital expenditure and plan to spend a further £8 million during 1978.

The investigation by the Monopolies Commission into the proposed bids for your company by Rheem, Rockware and United Glass will not be completed until late March 1978.99

The Annual Report will be posted to shareholders on 10th January 1978 and the Annual General Meeting will be held on 8th February 1978.

REDFEARN NATIONAL GLASS, FISHERGATE, YORK, YO! 4AD.

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

EMI's scanner hopes turn sour

hig profits from the most significant advance in medical diagnosis since the discovery of x rays, the EMI body scanner which the company developed and first marketed five gests ago with hopes of a great future, has run out of steam, at least temporarily. Growing competition together with restrictions ordering of new equipment by the United wates medical authorities, will continue into

Moreover consumer electronics in Auguralia continues to be dreadful and papitol, the United States end of EMPs missic business was down in the first quarter. The effect, as the chairman, Sir John Read The effect, as the chairman, our join head said yesterday is that group profits are ginning well below last year. This could apparently mean a decline of as much as 30 per cent in the first half, which if congress of the full year would mean profits of only £45m against £65m.

A new scenario, then, for the market, and a 14 per cent fall in the share price yesterday to 188p was the reaction. Here the yield is 7.4 per cent, more than two mints below the market average. Much now rests on the real potential of the scanner. For the rest of the business currently in the doldrums the return of consumer spending growth should bring the usual turn-round, but to return to growth, the medical division must continue to prosper. Some 12m went on research and development st year. Growth for the scanner in the United States is there, but the United States market remains the key. The political mobilers will no doubt come to an end, but finited. States competition is growing and here must be a natural tendency for

Americans to buy American. Out of operating profits of £75m last year passibly £15m came from the scanner. EMI still confident of its long-term prospects, and no one should be too happy about the here price until there is sure evidence tar current problems are being overcome.

JEC

The overseas approach

C has underlined its North American entitions with two important appointments. Mr Ronald Grierson will head up GEC inc, while Mr Geoffrey Cross, to whom such of the credit for ICL's revival is due, pits the job of going to California to seek at "businesses which might be expected to become part of the GEC group ..."

It seems that GEC, faced with the disinguisation of the Chancellor to relax extends to require the might be supplied to regulations which might we enabled it to move part of the British sh pile into overseas investment and enortions potential tax problems, has shelved the idea of an overseas company in Luxemours in favour of a more conventional

sproach to overseas expansion.

This and a set of results which demonrated that GEC, unlike other engineering ajors, has been able to meet best outside port targets, pushed the shares up 8p to Sp. yesterday. The yield here is still just der 21 per cent, but GEC has made it ear that it wants to do more for shareders once controls are abandoned as they muld be next year. Moreover, there is now e-possibility of it repeating the floating me capital note exercise as a means of givg shareholders back the compensation ish from BAC which (according to GEC) ould be £100m.

Meanwhile, the performance in the first til—sales are just over 14 per cent higher (£1,100m, while profits, after the first 4m tranche of interest on the capital es, are 194 per cent higher at £145m. beers out the usual trading strengths. aports are a substantial factor with deliver-\$ 22 per cent up on the previous year and a order book still expanding. Moreover, EC despite sterling still reckons to be able panese and German competitors whose prencies have remained strong against the

Overseas earnings though are feeling the inch from the world trade recession and is together with mixed prospects at home aggest that in the short term GEC may find more difficult to maintain the pace. But ith hopes of a durables boom next Jear,

123 EMI gone ex-growth? The promise of high expectations from its military electronics business, overseas plane and, of course, more than £522m of cash no one should be worrying.



Standard Chartered Bank, whose chair man is Lord Barber (above), is again demonstrating that, while clearing bank profits may rise and fall, it can still keep moving steadily and healthily upwards. This year clearing bank profits will cer-tainly be down on 1976, but Standard Chartered now has a 31 per cent first-half profit improvement to 162.5m under its belt and for the full year should add at least £20m to last year's £110m. The Middle East and Nigeria, in particular, are still surging ahead, South Africa is 16 per cent up, the Far East has done well compared to the previous depressed first-half and most of the United Kingdom operations have also continued to grow.

As an investment Standard Chartered is thus unquestionably solid, particularly since its market rating (prospective p/e ratio of fust over 5 and yield of 7.1 per cent) is significantly below that of the clearers. The problem is, firstly, a political one, since although South Africa contributes only around a quarter of its profits, Standard Chartered's shares can still be hadly hit by a run of adverse news. Secondly, while this year will be a bad one for the clearers, the year will be a bad one for the clearers, the stock market has already begin to sense that rising interest rates and increasing economic activity in the United Kingdom offer much greater potential next year than does the sluggish outlook for world trade in general which is so important to Standard Chartered. Intrinsically, attractive though Standard Chartered may be at 413p. though Standard Chartered may be at 413p, the clearers may offer the better share price prospects.

A calming influence

It looks to be too much of a coincidence that the Government Broker yesterday reactivaried the Treasury 10 per cent 1992 long-tep bringing his price more into line with the merket allowed him to sell perhaps :100-£150m worth of Sto financial markets are likely to be under the calming influence of the latest banking figures for the month to mid-November.

These show that eligible liabilities rose 12 per cent and while they are not altogether a reliable guide to the money supply growth in M3 during the period is likely to be around half that of October's 1.8 per cent.

This level may still result in the Government's 9-13 per cent range being exceeded particularly since the authorities are apparently reluctant to introduce a corset, but it is certainly looking at this stage as though last month's hike in minimum lending rate, coupled with the decision to allow sterling to float, is doing the trick and there should now be less worry about any immediate need for a further rise in interest rates.

In short, the gilt market may yet be in for a Christmas boost which could be of most benefit to the long end. So long as the Government can get gilt sales moving again financial markets are likely to have their confidence in monetary discipline restored now that the latest clearing bank lending figures show that the £600m plus October upsurge was an aberration. Although there are still indications that the banks are inflating their balance sheets for fear of a corset, there is nothing in the figures to suggest that this is yet a necessity.

Today is an historic day. It is the first, albait the least significant, of the several dead-lines leading to the launch of the state earnings related pen-sion scheme. Few outside the Government and pensions industry will mark the occasion—yet it is an event of great importance for averyone.

Since its tentative beginnings in 1908 with the Old Age Pensions Act, the state pension scheme has finally come of age. From April, 1978, the principle that everyone (at least those in employment) should be entitled to an earnings related pension at recrement will become a fact shanks to Richard Crossman, Sir Keith Joseph and finelly, and successfully, Barbara Castle.

In a mixed economy it is appropriate that there is no ideological insistence that it is the state, or alternatively, the employer, who must pay the

Each employer, after consultation with his employees, has had the right to determine whether to stay within the state scheme—in which case the state pays the guaranteed minimum earnings related pension (gmp)

or to contract out of it and pay the gmp through the mechanism of an occupational pension of the mechanism of an occupational pensions.

Today is the final day when employers who have decided to stay within the state scheme should notify their employees of that choice. In practice, it is, in fact, a fairly meaningless requirements.

to be a public wigging off. Much excitement centres on the next stage of the countdown, now December 23, which is the final day for

umecessary? Even if employees, or more Where does the fault lie for this failure of the pensions in-dustry and the Government to

progress towards an orderly adoption and introduction of the new stare scheme? The

Margaret Stone

Earnings related pensions: end of a seventy-year journey

state scheme without incurring financial penalties (because of higher than necessary contributions, for both the employer and

This is because the last day for applying to the Occupa-tional Pensions Board for a contracting out certificate is March 23, by which time the employer should have had a statutory three-month consulta-tion with the unions, which

tion with the unions, which theoretically must begin on December 23 at the latest.

The last ministe rush of applications to the OPB would evoke the immediate sympathy of every housewife running late in her Christmas shopping, but given that the principles of the legislation have been known since September, 1974, when the White Paper Better Pensions was published, isn't all this last minute haste both unseemly and minute haste both unseemly and

blame, I think, has to be shared by all concerned. Even pre-vious governments are not im-mune from criticism.

The oft-repeated catch phrase that pensions were a "political football" with the Crossman scheme being replaced by the Joseph scheme and that, despite the earlier protestations of a senior Labour politician, by the Castle scheme had led many to doubt that this version actually would succeed in staying on the statute book despite assertions that it would by the Conserva-

Nor did a full-blown pay policy which prohibited im-provements in pension schemes other than to bring them up to the minimum level required for

certainly assumptions and calculations were being made on the basis of the relaxation of this rule in July, but scheme deeds and the other formal documentation could not pro-ceed with certainty until phase two of the pay policy ended. There is also little doubt that

there is also write goods that the administrators seriously un-derestimated the strain the new arrangements would impose upon the limited number of organizations, peusion consul-tants, insurance companies, and law firms, the wholesalers who had to educate, advise and help

sions Board was starting from able to act as quickly or as decisively as would-he contractingout companies would have wished.

Over and above all this has

been financial uncertainty. is not so difficult to recall the impact the sagging pound, evermarket in the doldrums and question marks over a future pay policy had on everyone's confidence. Complicated and difficult-to-grasp company pen-sion schemes were pushed to the bottom of many an in-tray. At the end of October the Government did relent and permit some delev in respect of the technical preparation and evaluation of scheme documents sent to the OPB. And delay upon delay, the pensions Minister, Mr Stanley Orme, last week announced the final date for contracting out was to be fixed at March 13 not March 14 as originally appounced. originally announced.

Although about 11,000 to 15,000 company schemes (out of some 65,000 in the country) are expected to be contracted out, only 500 have received their contracting-out certificate while another 2,300 applications to

contract out are in the pipeline. Many more will be made within the next three months and even those which fail to make the deadline will not be barred from acquiring their contractions are continuous. ing-out certificate later.

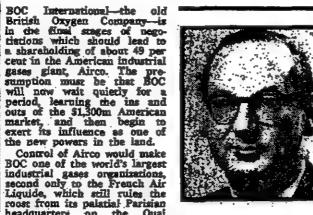
Most of the country's top companies have contracted our and the nationalized industries too, but among the rest there seems to have been a greater enthusiasm for staying within the state scheme and living on top of it (providing an extra occupational pension on top) than was envisaged. That way the state picks up the bill for the guaranteed minimum pension and the firm provides as much extra cream as it sees fit or the Inland Revenue allows.

After the excitement and the trumpeting that is bound to accompany the actual start of the scheme, interest in pensions will probably wane for a little. not for long; the history of pensions in the last few years has proved conclusively that it is not a static subject. Even before the new state earnings related scheme gets officially under way the experts are already looking forward to the modifications that are bound to come, one day.

It is almost certain that the concept of paying contributions for 40 and years and getting benefits based only on 20 years' service will have to be amended; a move towards a final salary type arrangement in the state scheme could be the

Another candidate for change is the present basis for paying a widow's pension. This is based on her age and the actual pen-sion her husband had earned rather than one he might have expected. Lump sum benefits, on the other hand, although recognized as a gap in the state provisions, are unlikely to be politically acceptable.

BOC puts pressure on the North American market



It would cost £100m and take 10 years for BOC to from liquid air at the turn of the contury the industry has been more or less dominated by the same small handful of get a viable share of the US national market

if it went alone -Sir Leslie Smith (above) chairman of **BOC** International

see how the market could be organized otherwise.

One of the most important factors in both moulding the industry to its present form and

in restricting the scope for change is the immense capital

expenditure involved in setting up a presence in the market.

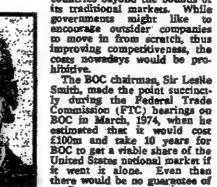
Buying into existing markets

like BOC's foray into the
United States—is really the only
way in which a modern industrial gases group can hope to
significantly expand its interests in advanced industrial

companies.
Of the big league—America's Union Carbide, Airco and Air Products, the United Kingdom's BOC, and continental Europe's Air Liquide, Linde and Messer Griesheim—only one, Air Products, set up in the Second World War with United States government aid, could be described even as a relative newcomer. There are many other com-panies, but they are all on the periphery and the big league companies have each built up right control of their respective markets, so that be-tween them they account for something like 30 per cent of the free world capacity outside langue.

Change comes slowly in the industrial gases market. Since the Bayarian engineer, ... Carl Paul Gottfried von Linde, devel

. When one considers the chaps when one considers the chaps that the recent strike of drivers and process workers at BOC brought in its wake—with large sectors of British industry being threatened with close-down for lack of oxygen and nitrogen supplies—this olipology is disturbing. But it is difficult to



BOC first dipped a hesitant toe in American waters nearly a decade ago when it set up a joint venture with Airco. But the timing was unpropirious and BOC must be thankful now that its involvement with America in the late sixties was minimal. For, as the American producers were to find out, had markets forecasting and over-optimism are a dangerous combination. The principal American producers got too confident in the

straditional markets. While new capacity at a rate of knots, overnments might like to They were, erroneously as it necessate outsider companies move in from scretch, thus appears, encouraged in this profligacy by the United States approving competitiveness, the profligacy by the United States are newadays would be proliquid oxygen and nitrogen which the space programme would require.

By the late sixties it was clear that the United States industrial gases industry had made a big error and had far too much capacity for its own good, a indement which was underlined by the cutback in the aero-space industry and the result-ing price cutting war which ensued.

So going in cold was some-thing which the group was not prepared to contemplate. The only thing which has changed BOC's slowness in moving into the United States and the intervention of the FTC with anti-trust proceedings in 1974 when it at last decided to buy a in the intervening years is the cost, which would now be much stake in Airco-an obstacle which has now been removedmay have been no bad thing for the British company. BOC now faces a more settled United States market and has been able to learn by observation rather

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The principal American producers got too confident in the early sixties and foreseeing a continuing boom in demand for

on having tied up many of the old Commonwealth markets, Air Products moved stealthily into the British market and started fighting aggressively for a share of BOC's domestic market. A BOC-Airco combination would even up that fight a bit—on American territory. It is difficult to foresee where

the next major expansions in the industrial gases industry will be. With BOC in the United States there would probably be little room there for some years yet for another entrant and other major markets, such as commental Europa are pretty well tied up.

few years the big producers will be looking towards consolida-tion of existing markets and try-ing to spot sustained industrial development in the emergent nations, perticularly, of course, in the steel industry, with which the gases market lives in an almost symblotic relationship. So any further large struc-tural changes in the industrial tural changes in the industrial gases market may be a long way off. But with something in excess of £4,000m annual world turnover and a very healthy growth rate, the big league companies can probably continue to live together in harmony for some years yet without making incursions into one another's established markets.

Malcolm Brown

BLACK DIAMONDS PENSIONS LIMITED (A company wholly owned by the National Coal Board Pension Funds)

Offer for the Ordinary Shares of THE BRITISH INVESTMENT TRUST LIMITED

The Offer will close at 3 p.m. on Monday, 12th December, 1977 and cannot be extended. Ordinary Shareholders who wish to accept the Offer should therefore note that the final time for acceptance is 3 p.m. on Monday, 12th December, 1977 and are accordingly strongly urged to accept without delay.

In the event of the Offer becoming unconditional accepting Ordinary Shareholders will be entitled to receive for each of their Ordinary Shares of The British Investment Trust Limited:

a guaranteed minimum cash price of 165p

if the formula value is higher on 12th December. 1977 and the Offer is declared unconditional, a higher cash amount.

165p is the highest price paid by Black Diamonds Pensions Limited for Ordinary Shares of The British Investment Trust Limited.

The market value of the Ordinary Shares of The British Investment Trust Limited on 23rd November, 1977' was

The Board of Black Diamonds Pensions Limited and its financial advisers, S. G. Warburg & Co. Ltd., remain firmly of the opinion that the Offer is generous and attractive, particularly so following the inclusion of the guaranteed minimum cash price of 165p per Ordinary Share. Ordinary Shareholders of The British Investment Trust Limited are urged to accept without delay.

*The day before the announcement of the guaranteed minimum cash price in the Press.

This statement has been issued by S. G. Werburg & Co. Ltd. on behalf of Black Diamonds Pensions Limited. The Board of Black Diamonds Pensions Limited has taken all recognable care to ensure that the accept responsibility accordingly

Business Diary: Sir Charles and after • Cockcroft's law?

enard Sainer's succession of Charles Clore as chairman Sears Holdings at the end the year, announced yester-seems to put paid to the Restions that Sir Monty Fin-Samer, Sir Charles's deputy train for 25 years, is 68 In his chairmanship must be asidered therefore as an inter-Truen. Sir Charles is going

The pears of some and the chairman 45-year-old contrast Geoffrey Maitland

Monty, who is 65, joined as 1. oup director and of the engineering divi-tion this £270m a year stores, ear and engineering group er his stormy spell as chair-ment the British Steel Coron. Sir Monty, Sainer has quite enough on his as it is ".

John Cockroft, the Tory MP Nantwich, today brings 00 or so British chartered retaries as close to their tam of a "closed shop" for or profession as at any time the 95 years since they comed in the Institute of thereof. Secretaries and ministrators.

Carroft, an economic con-ant with stockbrokers Rowe recently won the rare intunity to present a private liber's Bill in the Commons noday it receives its first is proposal—possibly an sual one from a politician



closed shop-just one that is less open: John Cockroft (centre) with institute of Chartered Secretaries' president John Phillips (right) and institute chief executive Barry Barker in London

panies Act should confine the job of company secretary in public companies to qualified people, as is already the case with auditors.

the agrees with ICSA president John Phillips and chief executive Barry Barker that there would be fewer business scandals were company secretaries—who advise directors on legal and ethical, as well as administrative, matters—properly qualified. It would also, incidentally, be very nice for ICSA members as well.

Phillips is adamant that the institute is not seeking a closed shop, in so far as members want the Department of Trade to include lawyers and qualified accountants on a list of approved company secretaries. Fewer than half the company

who believes that the state's secretaries of public concerns role in business life is too great In the Stock Exchange Year—is that an amended Combook, Barker said, had qualifications after their names. Some might be barristers, who did not have initials to list, but a "substantial number" of com-pany secretaries had no quali-

The Department of Trade, Phillips said, is being "negative" about the ICSA's aspiration's. Civil servants are apparently uncharacteristically taking the view that there is enough law already.

For those of us who haven't yet dared to think of this Christmas, Unigate is piling on the agony. "Christmas 1978 is they 13 months every. Start saving now!" shrieks a leaflet now being lest on doorsteps. 4s readers ask elsewhere in this paper: "Is this a record?" Britain's timber trade was buzzing with the news yesterday that Bill Bullock, the managing director of Schauman (UK), the British arm of the big Finnish paper and timber concern, had—with apparent suddenness—handed in his resignation.

Bulkock, known in the trade for his often outspoken criti-cism of what he considers the outdated structure of the timber. business, was rather reluctant to spall out the reasons for his departure. But they appear to revolve around the Finns' problems in coping with depres-sed sales in the United Kingdom—their best export market
—particularly of panel products
like plywood.

Most Firmish suppliers are
having to deal with competition

from cheaper products coming from places like Causda and Malaysia and Bullock believes that the Finns will have to face up to a changed market structure in the United Kingdom. "They will have to make plans accordingly and it is difficult to see my place in that", he told Business Diary.

Bullock has built up the con-

possibly the biggest Finnish-owned timber company in the United Kingdom in only five years, but there have been indi-cations recently that all is not we'll. The parent company's half-wearly report said that the

ance terms. He leaves at the end of the year and says that he plans to stay in the timber trans.

Those who think the Dor-chester just isn't British enough now that it is owned by the Arabs have support from an unlikely quarter—the Arabs themselves.

A number of those Arabs

the advised the consertium who bought the hotel on British takeover procedures were at a Dorchester lunch yesterday, and they didn't like all they saw. There was criticism of the menus being in French rather than Buglish and suggestions that more national favourities such as steak and kidney pud

should be on offer. The lunch was in honour of Shaikh Najib Alumoddin, the retiring chairman of the Beirut-based Middle East Airlines. The shrikh, who was educated in this country and advised on the Dorchester purchase, told Busi-ness Diary that MEA would have bought the place itself had it not been for the civil war in the Lebanon. The war hasn't done the airline any lasting

Readers who were incensed when the match-makers Bryant we'!. The parent company's when the match-makers Bryont half-vest's report said that the amount of business being generated by the subsidiary was barely sufficient to meet the interest payments on its investments.

Schaumen now intends to suppoint for the first time a spooint for the first time a car will be back this month. A sample? "Pre just got a new set of golf clubs for my wife."

Good heavens, what a wonderful bargain. Strike a light!

damage, he says.

Stock markets

Early rally snuffed out by EMI gloom

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Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share.
are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net pre-tax and earnings are net. a Loss. b For 16 months. c Forecast.

Early hopes of a rally were There was little solace for issues, notably Fodens which was another firm spot at 184p, quickly knocked on the head by holders of EMI shares after the gained 4p to 62p. a gain of 4p over the session. ately lost early gains of several 1.8 down an hour later. There was no subsequent rally and by the close the index was 4.3 off at 482.0, its low point of the

had another far stronger session. In spite of doubts over the money supply and a volatile performance from sterling long-dated gilts ended with gains of described as a nervous day's

Elliott Group of Peterborough, whose Saudi Arabian contracts have caused considerable controversy, is due to report in-terim figures on Friday. Elliott promises to reveal all about the affair then but in the meantime the shares languish on a year's low of 18p where the yield is 18.4 per cent.

trading. After hours they added another quarter point on talk that the latest set of banking encouraging,

At the shorter-end many stocks rose an eighth to a quarter point, A feature of the market was the reactivation by the Government Broker of the 2500m 1992 "tap" stock which was being sold at £87.87, a discount of 62p on last month's issue price.

Wolverhampton & Dudley

Breweries narrowly exceeded

City forecasts for the year to

end-September last with a

profits gain of 11.3 per cent to

feature of our trade this year",
Mr E. J. Thompson, chairman,
explains, "has been the continued increase in barrelage of
our draught beer." Sales

our draught beer." Sales climbed by 19.8 per cent to E41.76m during the year to show a marginal advance on the first-

half rate of growth throughout the second six months' was

Margins, Irowever, have been

clipped by continuing cost escalation, although analysts predict that Wolverhampton &

Dudley may take advantage of a relaxation of the price code

rules to switch its marketing effort away from the low-margin

£5.77m pre-tax.

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a gloomy survey of current chairman's remarks at the price moves Bibby eased 3p to 197p from EMI, Share prices immeditumbled 32p to 188p. Similarly while renewed speculative interthere was little comfort for est lifted Electrocomponents pence to return to their over-night positions and the FT at 45p after a shortfall in Index, 2.5 up at midday, was profits but GEC topped most market expectations and by the end of trading was 8p ahead at the defence against Philips 253p. Pilkington held steady at lifted Electronics Rentals 5p to

the close the index was 4.5 off the session.

In contrast government stocks and another far stronger session.

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News that Fruehauf Corporation had finally won the protacted takeover battle for Crane Fruehauf lowered the contrast of t latter's shares half a point to

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free trade into the higher margin tied estates where the

group has a large proportion of houses under management.

will be supported in the current

year by recent capital spending

on new equipment, moderniza-

which has been funded by bank borrowings as the board took

adventage of low interest rates.

proved by a professional re-

valuation which showed a

surplus of £29.5m over book

values against a surplus of £16m at the 1976 balance sheet date.

The total dividend is hoisted

to the maximum permitted to the maximum permitted 5.73623p per share with a final of 4.03623p and at 188p, unchanged yesterday, the shares fall broadly into line with the industry earnings multiple of around 11.

Asset backing has been im-

tion and new pub openings

Improvements in barrelage

7p to 342p and Cawoods which gained 5p to 146p. A sharp in-crease in profits and an in-creased dividend contained in

In the stores sector Burton "A" were steadier at 79p in front of figures which are not generally expected to be favour-able. Nine-months figures from 99:p and gave rise to specula- Moss Bros gave a boost of 6p tive interest in other motor to 78p while Allied Retailers

Latest results

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Mint slump

A fire and difficult trading t some subsidiaries are the

main reasons for a slump in pre-tax profits from £226,000 to £44,000 for the six months to October 1. All is not gloom,

however, as shareholders are to receive an unchanged dividend of 1.5p net, and the beard is looking for a setisfactory result for the full year—subject to the settlement of an insur-

The process of digging out the underground fire, including

dismantling and reinstating all the casting plant, is lengthy and unlikely to be finished un-til the spring. The group's

claim covers reinstatement costs and loss of profits, but

telks with the insurance com-peny have yet to produce a figure. A "substantial" addi-

tion to profits is expected even-

after fire

ance claim.

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a gain of 4p over the session. Benn Brothers, another takeover favourite at the moment, reacted of to 64p as profits were taken. While Trafalgar House, unworried by the failure of its bid for part, of the Fairey Group, edged ahead to 141p.

In the oil sector Carless Capel slumped 8p to 36p on profits which were per un expenses.

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profits which were not up to the mark while speculative demand for South Pacific Petroleum lifted the shares 13p United Scientific soared 11p to 253p in a market short of stock. Some speculators regard the stock as a potential take over candidate but many mar-

of 3p to 147p.
In spite of the RHM result other food shares performed well above the market average In the financial sector Standard Chartered were steady at 413p after figures but some of the discount houses had a strong session notably Union up 10p to 440p and Gillett Brothers where the gain was 7p to 235p.

Another to meet demand was Burtonwood Brewery which led

the way in the sector with a rise

the fortunes of Molins, the cigarette machinery and paper and board machinery manufac turer which came to the market in July, 1976, clong with the ill-starred issues from Hambro Life and Borthwick's, can be set aside. The paper and board side remain severely depressed and the group will do well to make £8m against £10.9m last year.

Insurances were firmer than of late, notably the brokers where Matthews Wrightson 5p to 200p

Matthews Wrightson 5p to 200p and Bowring 5p to 114p
On the last day for the "call" BP old shares were lowered 14p to 856p and the new 14p to 874p on late selling from New York.

Equity turnover on December 5 was £62.66m (10,927 bargains).

Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were EMI, BP. Thomas Tilling, BAT Dfd, BAT Ind, GEC, ICI, Racal, Shell, Royal, GKN, Glaxo, Fisons, Electronic Rentals, Burtonwood Brewery, Matthew Hall and J. Bibby.

As a result margins have slipped from 9.2 per cent to 7.2 per

Birmingham | Share price plunges as Carless, Capel slips back

terday following news that the group's figures for the six mooths to September 30 showed a fall in pre-tax profits from £1.2m to £1.1m. Last week dealers forecast a profits rise to around £1.5m on the basis that the nephtha price is currently very firm, giving a boost to the shipping division.

year margins have been stabi-lized but at this point, says Mr John Leonard, deputy chair-man, profits for the full year Turnover of the group, which are not expected to reach the reflines and markets bydrocarbon solvents as well as at £2.9m compared with £2.3m

Trust & Agency bidder revealed

The party which was in talks The party which was in talks with Trust & Agency of Australasia turns out to be Charterhouse Japhet, which is now making a bid worth 172 o cash which has won the board's approval. This was very necessary as certain members a share price of 150p before the group's suspension.

accept on a holding of 49.7 per

Redfearn counters with 50pc jump

By Bryan Appleyard Redream National Glass, the company that is currently arguing against three takeover bids before the Monopolies Com-mission, increased its pre-tax profits by 50 per cent from E3.1m to £4.6m in the year to October 2. Sales were up by 18 per cent from £34.9m to £41.2m. Below the line the adoption

of the new convention on deferred tax pushes stated earnings a share up to 73.2p from 37.48p restated or 23.06p shown in the last accounts. The figures include residual benefits from the hot summer of 1976. As a result of that demand peak for glass containers stocking up in the winter and spring meant demand throughout the industry was supplied 20 per cent up. try was running 20 per cent up in January. However, this fell

per cent. Redfearn did manage to increase its market shere during the period but stocks are still substantially higher with the figure in the balance sheet likely to be between £4.5m and

The company regards this as an acceptable level to cover planned furnace rebuilds and an expected upturn in demand Capital spending during the year totabled f6.4m to take the three-year sum to £11.5m. Another £8m is to be spent this year.

year.
All this spending is changing the balance-sheet picture with an overdraft of up to £400,000 at the end of the year under review and the £2m loan available from Finance for Industry being drawn down during the

Current year.

Our of the 18 per cent increase in sales Mr John Prart, managing director, said about 12 per cent was due to price

On the bid front Redfearn is expecting the commission's investigation to be completed in late March. The three suitors are United Glass, Rockware and are United Glass, Rockware and Rheem International. An extraordinary item of £80,000 in the figures is entirely due to the cost of fighting off takeovers. The Rheem bid was a partial one worth 300p per share cash, the Rockware shares and cash offer is curreatly worth 307p and United simply stated it was thinking of bidding.

Yesterday Redfearn's shares were unchanged at 285p to yield 5.6 per cent on the basis of

5.6 per cent on the basis of gross dividends raised to 16p in the light of the blds. The board forecast gross dividends totalling 24p for the current year in response to Rheem's second

Outlook cloudy as Better-tisubsidiary write-offs herims hold back DIIM hold back RHM goating f

By Richard Allen
With continuing problems in the United Kingdom bread industry and higher finance and higher finance are also because the continuing the con charges as a result of recent United States acquisitions, Ranks Hovis MacDougall's latest profits news was expected to be uninspiring.

In the event results for the year to September 3 have fored rather worse, reflecting a pro-tax profits fall from £39.85m to £36.46m.

The main reason is the surprise inclusion in the profit-and-loss equation of some £2.6m of write-offs in respect of the group's small hire purchase subsidiary, Wessex Finance Corporation. These provisions, covering

bad debts incurred before RHM reorganized the subsidiary, are expected to leave Wessex able to bounce back Despite this and the fact that back and by October overall demand for 1977 was up by only the overseas companies, including the recently purchased Ravarino and Freschi pasta group in the United States, are expected significantly to increase their contribution, RHM is still blowing cool on the likely outcome next rime.

Mr Joseph Rank, chairman, gives a warning that group profits for the first-half will be down on last-year's £20m as a result of losses caused by the

national bread strike in He adds that although it is not yet possible to make a meaningful forecast for the year meaningful forecast for the year dered by a maximum into final results should be close in the dividend to 4.98p g

Mr Joseph Rank, chairma Ranks Hovis MacDougall.

providing conditions in bread industry do not won The American acquisitions which much of the cum year's buoyancy is expected be based have taken their on borrowings, pushing intercharges up to £11.6m from year's £8.7m. However, a much of the proceeds of recent S-0m Eurodollar in still in hand, further Unit States takeovers can be ex-

ted Meanwhile RHM's in attractions have not been i

Glaxo faces allegations of unfair wholesale practices

By Ashley Druker

A confrontation between Glaxo, the No 1 in British pharmaceuticals, and a leading pharmaceutical wholesaler in the Stoke-on-Trent area, Santa Pharmaceutical Distribution, is set for next Monday at Glaxo's annual meeting in London. On the following day, Mr Gerald Brookes, Sants managing director, and Mr Robert Cant, MP for Basford and Stoke Central, meet Mr John Fraser, Prices and Consumer Protection Minister.

In both instances Sonts give

notice that they are seeking an investigation "into uncompetitive practices by a small but powerful number of pharmaceudeal manufacturers headed by Glaxo" against their company. Mr B. S. Phillips, churman of Sants, states that to become a bons fide wholesaler in the sector as distinct from a buying group for its own retail outlets.

it disposed of most (ten out 712) of its retoil pharks 7110. Clem interests by end-1971.

Six months after Sants satted. Glaxo opened a limited supply depot in Stoke in order Mr Phillips save, as admitted in Glaxo's commercial direction of the same of the same control of the same control of the same of the same control of the same control of the same of the same control of and permit Vestric, Glazo's or wholesaling concern, to fill the need". For that reason, adds, Glaxo has constant refused to supply Sants refused to supr wholesale terms.

Glazo has been joined by & foreign-owned mulchand concerns which, with Glazo, willing to supply produ other manufacturers' produ but not those which cannot The latter products, referred as ethicals, were the "an profitable". They amounted 400 or so lines, from a total n 16,000, and accounted for so 90 per cent of Sants profits

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Elec Rentals doubles

payout on Philips' bid

Although it makes no formal forecast of its profits for the

current year, Electronic Rentals

has taken advantage of the facility bid from Philips Elec-

tronic to more than double its dividend total from 3.6p to 7.57p gross. This was enough to push the shares up 6p to 114p. They stood at 99p before the bid was announced. Philips with the stake of over 30 per cent

bid was announced. Philips with its stake of over 30 per cent stands to do well from the higher dividend.

It has been having talks with the Electronic Rentals board and they have agreed that a murually beneficial long-term relationship will be maintained.

relationship will be maintained between the two groups. Philips reserves the right to increase its stake, but unless it is making a general offer to obtain control

at will not increase its aggregate shareholding beyond 35 per cent. However, it is at pains to make it clear that "no offer of the kind" is contemplated

as being likely in the foresee-

Philips acknowledges that it has been on friendly arms-

Singlo Holdings pleased

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etter-than-expected aterims get sugar pating from Bassett

plants manufacturer George ett (Holdings) produced a sett sweetener yesterday re-ng interim profits at the and of City estimates. re-tax profits rose from a lous £1.5m to £1.95m on up by over a quarter from

to 550.4m.
Gordon Johnson, chairfof the confectionery manufer and wholesale distor, admits that margins offer, agmits that margins duffer slightly as a result of increased market share.

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And overseas the rise even more dramatic with up, in volume terms, by wever, since the year end,

roup has increased the of some of its products will improve margins but also slow down volume h in the second half. far second half trading tions remain satisfactory hons remain satisfactory
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Although there are plans to increase the cakes and confectionery side of the home business over the next few years, Bassett has begun a diversi-

fication programme. With a small cake manu-facturer and a toy and model kit importer already under its umbrella the chairman admits that the group is looking for further acquisitions in related

About 12 months ago it took over Purdy Cakes and although this company made a small loss in the first half of last year, it is running at a profit in the current period. Results also benefited from a small first-time contribution from A. A. Hales, bought for £750,000 in

nc, chemicals mean loss Preussag's third quarter

result of an overall loss third quarter, Preussag e West German diversi-ining and raw materials does not expect to be make a dividend payout

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eken share issue iken NV, Holland's larswery group proposes to e company, also making trical goods firm Zonussi SPA.

International

holders for Dutch income tax due on the distribution. This would bring its issued share capital to F1289m (about £64.2m). Heineken had issued capital of F1231.2m on September 30. 1976. Consolidated net profit rose by 18.8 per cent to F1109.6m in the year ended September 30.

Beneficial inquiry

Beneficial Corporation of America has disclosed that the SEC and the Bureau of Customs are investigating possibly illegal refunds received by its Mid-land International Corporation subsidiary from Japanese tele-vision manufacturers. Midland is an importer and wholesaler of television sets, electronic equipment, motor accessories.

tools and sporting goods.

I a refunds in the form of adjustments to invoice prices totalled about \$2.6m (about £1.4m) between 1972 and 1976 Beneficial Corporation soid in documents filed with the SEC. various manufacturers of television sets in Japan who sold sets to Midland, Beneficial said Midland accounted for the refunds pronerly and disclosed them in filings with the Cus-

Niesan NY listing

The Nissan Motor Company of Japan is studying the possi-bility of having its shares listed in New York. But it decied reports that it had begun preparations to list its shares there by 1980.

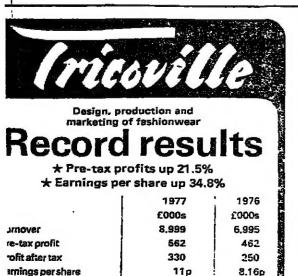
AEG and Zanussi

A spokesman for AEG-Telfunken, West Germany's second largest electrical group, said that he could not comment on reports that the group planned new F125 nominal to estil its 20 per cent stake for every four held in the Italian household elec-

Statements for November

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Growth at Kelsey Ind slimmed by inflation

By Our Figancial Staff In line with the interim fore-cast, soldering and audio acces-sory manufacturer-to-industrial rooting and insulation contractor Kelsey Industries turned in a pre-tax profit of £1.98m for the year to September 30 lust. This compares with a previous £1.66m and comes on the back of turnover up from £12m to £16.8m. These figures include a special payment of £119,000 to The Standard Life Assurance

Although describing the re-sults as "satisfactory", Mr John Moss, chairman, points out that the 20 per cent profits increase is not doing much more than keeping up with in-flation. And the higher turnover and costs of the manufacturing companies has resulted in tighter profit margins on this side. In the 12 months these were slimmed down from almost 14 per cent to 10.3. Exports in this division are

still of prime importance and, for the first time, represent over balf of sales output. Over-seas sales baye been helped by the completion, in August, of a new warchouse which is being used to store orders awaiting hipment. Subsidiary Bib Hi-Fi Acces-

sories is a particular exports high flyer. It has now expanded into the United States and has taken a 51 per cent stake in a new company Bib Hi-Fi Accessories Inc based in Texas.

The chairman also takes the or portunity of the statement to hit out at the Government for the welter of legislation coming he way of company directors.
'It is difficult, well-nigh impossible, for directors and executives to keep abreast of so many basic changes in regulations, let alone assimilate them." he says. Turning to the future it is very much the problems as be-fore, he says, with inflation and a lack of long-term orders likely to affect profits in the current

vestments. This small private company run by Mr Swraj Paul bas extended its bid for Singlo bas extended its old for Single until Monday, after claiming acceptances of 0.2 per cent. Mr Slocock notes that since March the size of the business has been greatly increased. In August it acquired Purbeck. which owns the Bandanga tea

estate in Malawa and an ex-panding giftware business in the United Kingdom. The group has also acquired four soft drinks companies. He says that Although he has achieved his aim of broadening the group's base, Mr Michael Slocock, chairman of Singlo Holdings, says that it is a matter of consider-Caparo has opposed the board in these development projects, able personal sadness that these that its actions have been totally unproductive, and that the costs of the bid defence both finanachievements have been overshadowed by a series of financial managuvres culminating in a takeover bid from Caparo Incial and managerial have been substantial.

He says that the board's policies of capital investment, pro-fessional management and effective finance control will produce increased profits and dividends. On this score he points to the board's forecast of a doubled dividend of 1.71p for

Henry Sykes listing

Way smoothed for acquisitions

Henry Sykes, the Londonbased pump and winch manufacturer, is applying for a listing on the Stock Exchange. The listing, which is expected to be granted on Friday for trading to begin next Tuesday, will be the first this year for an industrial company.

Sykes, which is forecasting minimum pre-tax profits of 12m for the year to the end of this mouth, has been booing to get a listing for a few years, and it is no coincidence that the timing follows fast on the heels of the disposal by Hanson Trust of its 22 per cent stake in the company.

Hanson, which owns Sylles' cent stake in Sykes, the largest single holding.

Sykes, however, does have several cogent reasons for seels. ing a listing and leaving the M. J. H. Nightingale over the counter market through which the shares have been traded since 1973 (since April the shares have elso been dealt in

British Steel Corporation and

the board of Graham Wood Scot Group have reached races-

ment on terms of an offer by

British Steel Corporation UK, a

wooliy owned subsidiary of BSC,

to buy the whole issued share

capital of Grokam Wood.

The offer will be subject to consent by the Secretary of State for Industry under the Iron & Steel Act and clearance.

from the Commission of Euro-nean Communities under the

Business appointments

manager, Earclays Bank Interna-tional, has become chairman of the executive committee of the British Bankers' Association from January 1. He succeeds Lord Kindersley, an executive director of Lazard Brothers.

Mr James Forbes, at present fin-ance director of Cadhury

Mr James Forbes, at present fin-ance director of Cadbury Schweppes, has been made a senior executive director of Tate & Lyle, He will be a member of the group policy committee, with special responsibility for finance and take up his post next spring. Mr Geoffrey Gilks, until recently this feerfirey of Onioton Havely

chief erecutive of Quinton Hazell, has joined Deeley Construction Group as group linancial director.
Mr C. J. Risk has Joined the board of Scottish Mutual Assur-

bord of Scottish Mutual Assurance.

Mr Reg Cuff, latterly managing
director of Waddingtons House
of Games, becomes responsible
for international sales of the John
Waddington Group's greetings
card concerns in Dundee and
Poris, games units in Leeds and
Tombridge and its Far Eastern
division. He is succeeded as
managing director of the sames

on the Stock Exchange under Rule 1532).

Sykes, said vesterday that the listing would assist the company in making acquisitions using its own paper. Although there are no negotiations currently underway, the company has a firm idea of the type of businesses it would like to ideal take-over targets are

companies in the same line of business, preferrably with some oversees orientation (to augment the group's rapidly glow-ing overseas work) and producing pre-tax profits of somewhere between \$200.000 and \$600 cm. Despite having lost the fight in 1973. Hanson continued to main United Kingdom comments make aggressive noises and last

tor, SLD Pumps, built up a stake in 1973 and then laurched an abortive bid for Sykes in the same year. The bid was mainly thwarted by Industrial & sion Funds taking 9,96 per cent Commercial Finance Corpora and Hambros Bank, and some tion, which now has a 35.42 per of its managed funds, taking of its managed funds, taking company. the remainedr.
The listing of Sykes flics in

the face of the apparently increasingly ponular concept, epitomized by Sir James Goldsmith, of public companies going private and retreating from the glare of publicity and the disclosure requirements of the Stock Exchange.

BSC bids 60p a share for Graham Wood

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products and providing an

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undertaken to accept the offer in respect of their holding which

amounts to 47-12 per cent of the

Directors of Crune do not feel able to advise shareholders to reject Freubaul's offer of lunp a share and intend to accept in respect of their own holding.

IRANIAN EUROLOAN
Seven-year term \$250m Euroloan for Telecommunications Company of Iran and eight-year term
\$210m Euroloan for National
Petrochemical of Iran signed in
London, Both loans guaranteed

New chairman for Bankers Association

Group managing director (packaging). Mr Ted Rundle, previously managing director of Plastona (John Waddington), becomes chairman of the company, Mr Ken Lunn succeeds him as managing director.

Mir P. E. Leslie, general manager. Earclays Bank International, has become chairman of the executive committee of the British Bankers' Association from January 1. He succeeds Lord kindersley, an executive director managing of Lazard Brothers.

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CRANE SURRENDERS

The directors and their famiof Graham Wood have

The group will also be able to increase its dividend substan-Mr Tony Hepper, chairman of tially and this year the board intends to more than double the dividend to 4.85p a share gross and to increase it by a further 25 per cent in the next financial year to 6.061. The move will also increase

the marketubility of the shares while also pleasing the institutional shareholders who prefer quoted to unquoted invest-Institutions are a particularly

potent factor at Sykes, con-trolling some 78 per cent of the equity. It is possible that ICFC which is making the introduction, may reduce its stake in the future if the market in the shares remains narrow, although it is highly unlikely that ICFC will act as a "tan" as such. The remaining 22 per cent of the equity is held by just over 200 individuals, about half of whom are employees of the

The shares yesterday were 105p and, on the basis of pre-tax profits of £2m, are selling at 9) times prospective earnings of 11.2p a share. The prospec-tive dividend, which will be 34 times covered, provides a yield of 4.57 per cent.

by Iran Government and both lead managed by Chase Man-

Court Aut. Sector Section Euro-bond issue has been priced at a substantial discount, but the coupon is to be unchanged from the originally foreshadowed 94 per cent. The price on the 12-year issue was fixed at 98 per cent.

Acceptances received for 5.1 million new ordinary shares representing 94.7 per cent of total number of those offered by way

BRITISH INVESTMENT TRUST

National Coal Board Staff haper-annuation Scheme. Mineworkers' Pension Scheme and Black Dia-mands pensions have nervated holding in trust company to 5.36

In light of AGM forecast of pre-tax profits for current car rang-ing between £1.9m and £2m ra-rerin dividend stepped up by maximum to 3.0m.

planning director of J. C. Bamford Excavators, is to become chief

planting director of J. C. Bamford executive.

Mr J. C. McNeill becomes chairman and director of administration of Broken Hill Proprietary. This follows the retirement of Sir Ian McLennan. Mr McNeill also becomes chairman of the larger substificries in the group.

Mr H. K. Fitzgerald has been appointed a director of Blantyre Tea Holdings.

Mr A. T. Montgomery has succeeded Lieutenaut Colonel Henry White as chairman of Pertrams.

Mr P. R. A. Ealabridge has been appointed managing director of Act Services. Mr R. I. L. Howland, Mr D. N. P. Hamilton and Mr I. H. Ormiston join the board.

Mr Ian Keisall has been appointed director of membership offairs at the Confederation of British Industry.

Mr Charles Plouviez, managing director of Everetts, has been appointed chartenan. Mr Mike

LEISURE CARAVAN PARKS

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Geo Sturla will have assets of 15p a share Rentals, and that as the largest shareholder it has always recog-nized that it is not entiled to

nized that it is not entiled to attempt to influence the commercial policies of Electronic.

Nonetneless the raising of Philips' stake from 29.2 per cent to just over 30 per cent has trizgered a facility bid of 100p which Electronic has considered. It urges shareholders to reject the bid and retain their shareholdings.

to reject the bid and retain their shareholdings.

The board is optimistic about the level of profits for the full year after a 26 per cent jump to £6.2m for the six months to September 30. Turnover went up 15 per cent to £48.7m so margins rose from 11.6 per cent to 12.7 per cent. Earnings a share are 8.5p against 6.8p, while p.t. c.sh flow a share is 22.3p compared with 18.7p.

If current economic forecasts become reality the group stands become reality the group stands to do well from higher consumer spending. Looking further ahead the board says that new products, such as viewdata and video disk, should help in the continued growth of the rental operations. Robert Knight, the new chair-man, reports on the change in

the group's shape.

It now concentrates almost entirely on providing consumer finance, and there has been a big improvement in the in profits. After the present issue ner assets will be equal to 15p a share.

Local authority

This week's coupon on the This week's coupon on the local authority bonds is raised from 8½ per cent to 8½ per cent with the biggest; borrowers being Birmingham, London, Motherwell and Oldham with £1m. each, while Reading is raising £2m over two years and Neath £1m over four. Variable rates are freewired by Chiltern and East Kilbride, who both have bonds for £500,000 over

Free banking still on offer from Co-op

A cut in the interest rate on personal loans—from 15 to 14
per cent — and continued free
banking throughout 1978 was
the news yesterday from the
Co-operative Bank. Provided
customers keen their current
account in credit there will be no charges, but the payment of a ! per cent interest on these accounts is to be suspended from January 1 next. The only other bank to offer this free current account facility is the Clydesdale in Scotland.

Productivity holds key to Vinten

WILLIAM EWART remain open.

The operation to put the affairs of loss-making George Sturia on a better footing has gone well. Just under a mouth are came werd of 60 per cent of the loss-making group chang-ing hands, and plans for a rights issue at par. The shares

rights issue at par. The shares were then 7p.

Now they are 12p, a tribute to the latest news that underwriting of the issue of one for one at 10p has been completed. Sturla adds that all the group's bankers have formally entered into an agreement to cancel borrowings of £2.3m, including interest, in consideration of a payment of £350,000 to be found from the rights money.

money.

In the half year to July 31 business got better, but only in the sense that Sturla lost less. The deficit fell from £342,000 to £61,000. Now Mr Robert Whight the new chain.

credit worthiness of new cus-tomers. He also describes as "substantial" the likely gains

rate goes up

The pleasant question facing Vinten Group, in cameras and other photographic equipment is just how big this year's increase in profits will be. In the half-year to September 30 pre-tax profits jumped by 55 per cent to a best yet £356,000 even though sales rose bardly at all to £1.8m. Mr C. M. Brown, chairman, says that orders could mean profits this year "materially in excess of the £692,000 of last year". The catch is that their achievement needs much higher productivity. However the dividend rises by the maximum, and is strongly

Offers by Reginald F. Clarke & Son. J. Balfour McGowan and Mr R. I. Stoupe for William Ewart Investments accepted fo. 27.14 per cent of ordinary and 20.6 per cent of preference. Offers remain open.

Standard Chartered Bank Limited

INTERIM STATEMENT

Consolidated Profit & Loss Account (Unaudited)	Six mont 30th Sep 1977 £000		Year ended Bist Morch 1977 £000
Trading Profit of Standard Chartered Bank Limited and its subsidiaries (Note 1)	52,214	41,716	96.739
Share of Profits of Asso- ciated Companies	10,252	5,953	13,182
Profit before taxation and extraordinary items	62,466	47,669	109,941
Taxation : (Note 2) The Bank & its subsidiaties Associated Companies	27,336 4,430	20,509 2,375	49.966 5,399
Profit after Taxation Minority Interests	30,700 4,094	24,785 3,102	54.576 6.275
	26,606	21,683	48,301
Extraordinary Items less taxation and minority interests (Note 3)	41		(899)
Profit attributable to Standard Chartered Bank Limited Dividend	26,647 5,356	22,450 4,838	47,402 11,974
Profit Retained	21,291	17,612	35.428
Earnings per share (Note 4) Dividend per share	38.5p 7.75p (11.74p)	31.4p 7.00p (10.77p)	69.9p 17.48p (26.65p)
(Gross equivalent)			149.0307

In accordance with currently accepted accounting practice and in compliance with International Accounting Standard No. 4, which became effective in 1977, a provision has been made for depreciation of freehold and long leasehold premises from 1st April 1977 at au annual rate of 1% of book values. The effect upon the results for the six months ended 30th September 1977 is a charge in arriving at trading profits of £517,000 and a reduction of 0.6p in earnings per share. Prior year figures have nor been restated. Other accounting policies remain as set out in the 1977 accounts.

Provision has been made for taxation at latest known rates including United Kingdom Corporation Tax at

Extraordinary items arise from disposals of premises, investments in associated companies and trade

Earnings per share are based upon profits after taxation and minority interests but before extraordinary items and issued share capital of 69,110,349 shares.

The Board of Directors has resolved to pay an Interim Dividend in respect of the year to 31st March, 1978 of 7.75 pence per share (equivalent to 11.74 pence per share gross) to shareholders registered at close of business on 23rd December, 1977. The interim dividend of 7.75 pence per share will be paid on 27th January, 1978, together with an additional payment of 0.1588 pence per share which relates to the final dividend for the year ended 31st March, 1977 and results from the reduction in the rate of Advance Corporation Tax from 35% to 34% for 1977/78.

L. R. Bishop, Joint Secretary.

Republic of Zaire

GECAMINES IMPORTANT NOTICE

The GECAMINES Company in Lubumbashi in the Republic of Zaire announces the opening of a new central telephone system in Lubumbashi.

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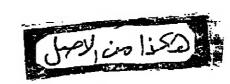
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A duly appointed committee of the Board of The British Investment Trust Limited has taken all reasonable care to ensure that the facts stated and opinions expressed in this advertisement are tair and accurate and all Directors jointly and severally accept responsibility accordingly.



Mir Ken Lunn succeeds him as managing director. M. Suchuleo Sports Games. Mr Jim Leng. Agneral manager of Valentine and Sons International. takes over as managing director from Mr Cuff of Waddingtons. Lit Tony Mason is nade managing director from Mr Cuff of Waddingtons. Lit Tony Mason is nade managing director of Waddingtons Business Forms by Mr Colin Caustield.

The group's label division at Gateshead is being formed into a new subsidiary from April 1. The chairman will be Mr Rundle, and Mr Philip Brain, sales director of Waddingtons, will be the new managing director.

Mr A. N. Thatcher has been made director of Ultra Electronics Holdings.

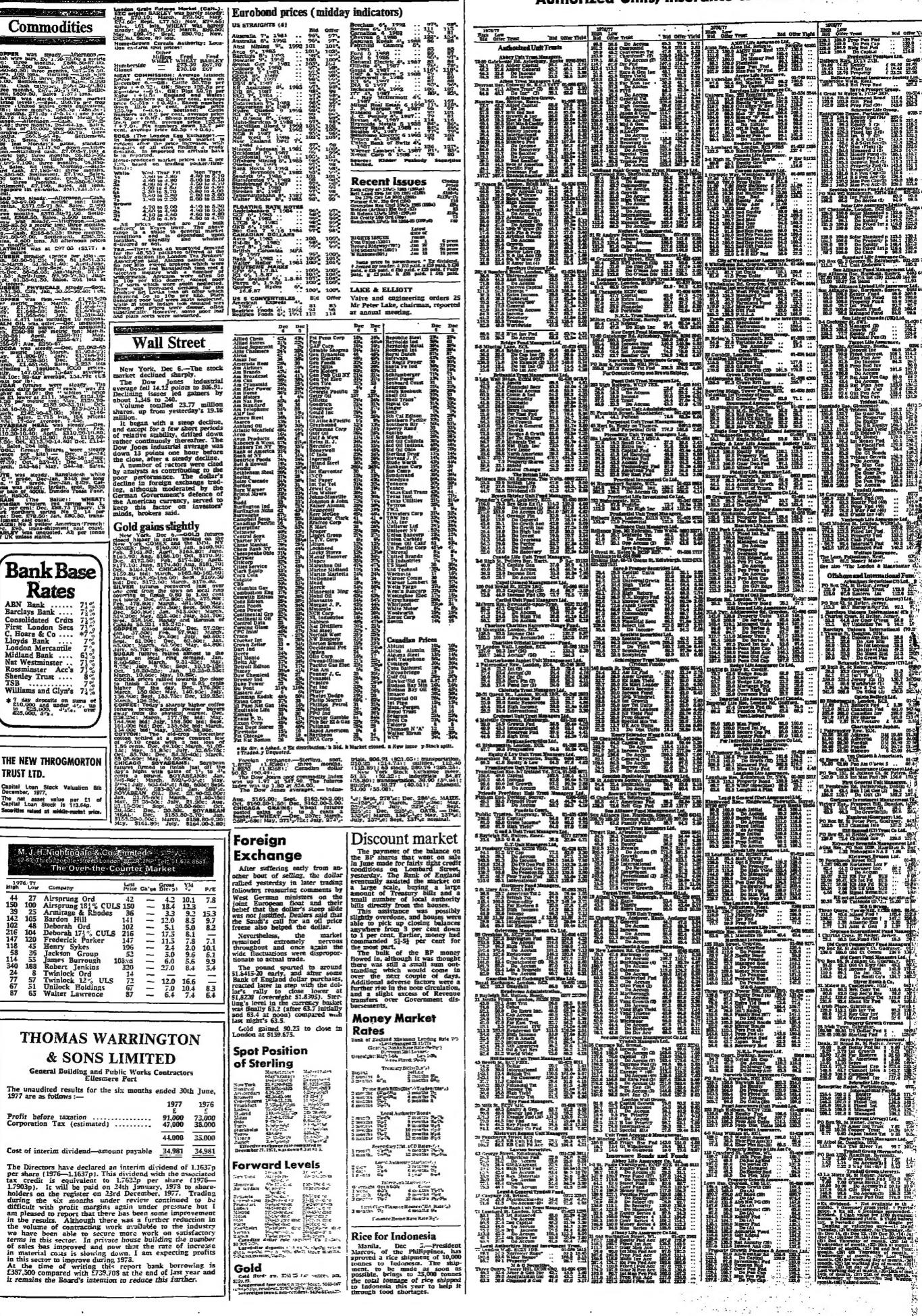
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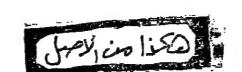
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MARKET REPORTS





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Manila, Dec J.—President Marcos, of the Philippines, has aproved a rice shipment of 10,000 tonnes to Indonesia. The shipment, to be made as soon as possible, brings to 25,000 tonnes the total formage of rice shipped to Indonesia this year to help it through food shortages.

Rice for Indonesia

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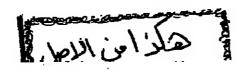
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